The Tom-Tom

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MR. AND MISS ECJC. Sam Nowell and Sandy Smith were elected Mr. and Miss ECJC in Who's Who elections. They will be featured in the yearbook, Wo-He-Lo, and in May Day ceremonies. Not pictured is Sam Nowell, Mr. E. C. J. C.

Student Who's Who Balloting Names Nowell, Smith, Mr. And Miss E. C. J. C.

by Patsy Nester and Nancy Eubanks

All selections in the annual Who's Who election at East Central Junior College have been announced. Capturing top honors are Sam Nowell and Sandy Smith, who were elected Mr. and Miss E.C.J.C.

Freshman favorites to be featured in the college yearbook, **The Wo-He-Lo** are Linda Blount, Dottie Horn, Frances Stuart, Mike Edwards, Gary Gordon and Bill Griffis.

The **Wo-He-Lo** will also feature the following sophomore favorites: Wanda May, Rachael Barrett, Nancy Edwards, Tim Puckett, Bill Lundy, and Larry Ezelle.

Barry Irons was selected as Most Handsome, and Charlene Mapp was selected as May Queen with Georgia Monk as Maid of Honor. The announcement of the selection of Margaret Shelton as Most Beautiful and Kathy Barrett, Linda Kelly, Sonya Weaver and Georgia Monk as beauties was made in the last issue of the **Tom-Tom.** Students winning these honors will also be featured in the **Wo-He-Lo.**

Mr. and Miss ECJC

Chosen as Mr. E.C.J.C. is Sam Nowell, son of Mrs. Wilma Nowell of Philadelphia. A graduate of Neshoba Central High School, Sam is currently majoring in engineering at East Central. He is a member of the 1968-69 basketball team. He plans to attend Mississippi State University next year.

Miss E.C.J.C, Sandy Smith of Decatur, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. N. F. Smith. She graduated from Decatur High School and is majoring in English Education at East Central. Sandy has been a member of the French Club and **Tom-Tom** staff for 2 years, and was a sophomore homecoming maid. She plans to attend Mississippi State next year.

Freshman Favorites

Linda Blount, freshman favorite from Bay Springs, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Billy Blount. She is in Liberal Arts and plans to attend Mississippi State after graduation.

Dottie Horn, daughter of Mrs. Jean Horn of Forest, is also a freshman favorite. A graduate of Forest High School, Dottie is majoring in Liberal Arts and plans to attend Mississippi Southern.

Frances Stuart graduated from Neshoba Central and is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Stuart. Her major curriculum is business and she plans to attend Mississippi State.

Mike Edwards, son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Edwards of Carthage, is a freshman favorite. His major is Pre-med and he plans to attend the University of Mississippi.

Freshman favorite Gary Gordon is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Gordon of Forest. Gary is majoring in physical education and plans to attend Mississippi State. He is also a member of the basketball team.

Bill Griffis, freshman favorite from Chunky, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. William Griffis. A graduate of Hickory High School, Bill is in Liberal Arts and plans to attend Mississippi State.

Sophomore Favorites

Wanda May, a sophomore favorite from Forest, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James May. Her major curriculum is history and she plans to attend Mississippi College.

Rachel Barrett of Philadelphia was also selected as a sophomore favorite. Rachel is majoring in mathematics and plans to attend the University of Southern Mississippi after graduation.

Another sophomore favorite is Nancy Edwards, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mack Edwards of Decatur. Nancy is a graduate of Decatur High School and is majoring in Home Economics. She is President of the Home Economics Club.

Sophomore Tim Puckett is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Lambert of Forest. Tim is in Liberal Arts and plans to attend the University of Southern Mississippi after graduation.

Bill Lundy, son of Mrs. Ethel Lundy of Philadelphia, is another sophomore favorite. Bill's major curriculum is Liberal Arts and he plans to attend Southern. He is also president of the sophomore class.

Larry Ezelle, son of Mrs. Dorothy Ezelle of Decatur, is also a sophomore favorite. Larry is majoring in math and plans to attend the University of Southern Mississippi.

May Court

Chosen as May Queen is Charlene Mapp of Forest. Charlene, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Mapp, is a psychology major who is planning to attend Southern. She was selected as a beauty last year and was Maid of Honor in the Homecoming Court.

Georgia Monk, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Monk, Jr., of Forest, was elected as Maid of Honor. She is majoring in Business and plans to attend Southern. Georgia was chosen as a beauty in the annual beauty pageant.

Most Handsome

Barry Irons, a graduate of Philadelphia High School, was selected as Most Handsome. Barry served as president of the freshman class and is presently serving as President of the Student Body. In addition, he was member of the 1968 football team.

SOPHOMORE FAVORITES. Chosen as favorites of the sophomore class were (bottom row, l to r) Wanda May, Nancy Edwards, Rachel Barrett and (top row, l to r) Bill Lundy, Larry Ezelle, and Tim Puckett.

Faculty Enjoyed Varied Holiday

An inevitable question asked everyone when the holidays are over is, "What did you do during the holidays?" When this question was presented to several faculty members, the answers were quite varied. Because of the lack of time of the writer of this article, however, each faculty member was not asked. Hence, the activities reported represent only a portion of the happenings during the holidays.

Christmastime is a time for family reunions and several faculty members traveled to relatives' homes or entertained in their own homes. Mr. Fick and his family journeyed to Tulsa, Oklahoma to visit his wife's mother. He commented that the trip to Tulsa was rather bad. He had to contend with freezing rain and ice for a good part of the trip. The Seymores had planned to stay in Forest, but at the last minute, Mr. Seymore decided that he would like to spend Christmas in Cleveland with his parents, so the family packed up and to Cleveland they went. Miss Barber visited her brother and his family in Jackson during the holidays. Miss Barber's nephew and his family from State College, Mississippi also joined the group in Jackson.

The title of Most Active Family during the holidays goes to Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Simmons. Their two daughters Nancy and Judi, were home and they also had two guests in their home during the holidays — Kathy Triplett from Mississippi College and the Panama Canal Zone, and Truett Haire from Jackson. The Simmons had Christmas dinner at the Simmons home in Louin and Christmas supper at the Robertson home in Laurel.

FRESHMAN FAVORITES. Chosen as favorites by their fellow classmates were (bottom row, l to r) Linda Blount, Dottie Horn, Frances Stuart and (top row, l to r) Gary Gordon, Mike Edwards, Bill Griffis.

EAST CENTRAL JUNIOR COLLEGE

First Semester Exam Schedule
1968-69

Period	Time
Wednesday, Jan. 15, 1969	
1	8:00 - 10:00
8	10:30 - 12:30
4	1:15 - 3:15
Thursday, Jan. 16, 1969	
2	8:00 - 10:00
5	10:30 - 12:30
6	1:15 - 3:15
Friday, Jan. 17, 1969	
3	8:00 - 10:00
7	10:30 - 12:30

-EDITORIALS-

Shoes Or Feet? That Is The Question

"I cried because I had no shoes, until upon the street I met a man who had no feet." Are you so concerned with self that you fail to see the needs of others? Have you ever stopped to think how many children are born each day with some type of defect? That there are people everywhere who are not as healthy and as well as you are? In 1958 birth defects seemed to be an unconquerable health menace; and even today there are about 250,000 babies born in America annually who have some type of birth defects. In addition to these, 500,000 babies die before birth. Medical science is beginning to see hope for a better future for these babies. Rh vaccine and German measles vaccine have been recently developed for the prevention of some defects. The March of Dimes was organized in 1958 to help fight birth defects, but it cannot operate without an informed public to finance its program of basic and clinical research, its nationwide network of more than 100 birth defects centers, and its program of professional and public education. In this month the National Foundation—March of Dimes will conduct its traditional drive to raise funds to fight birth defects. Do you care enough to help? Which is more important—the shoes or the feet?

LL

The New Year

The year 1969 has just begun. We the students of East Central Junior College are faced with a new year, new decisions and, for some, new goals.

What we make of ourselves during this year depends on each one of us as an individual. We must decide what goals we wish to set up for ourselves and the means by which we will go about attaining them.

Many of us set up our first goal as graduation. If we wish to attain this goal we must consider first the semester tests. Some students may feel that it is too late to try to improve their grades, but any effort is worthwhile. Each one of us must try to accomplish more in this new year than we did in the old year.

East Central is growing, and we the students must grow with it. We grow each day in experience and knowledge. We must use our past experience and knowledge to improve ourselves and our world. Each one of us must take the opportunities God gives us for this new year and use them to the best of our abilities.

DH

Were You Absent . . .

Our attention has been called to the laxness in assembly attendance. It might be of interest to note that assembly attendance is a must, and is clearly stated in the school catalogue.

Not only are assembly programs for the students' benefit in regard to information, but they are entertaining as well.

It is difficult for the administration to contact every student individually and the cooperation of the students helps the school to function smoothly.

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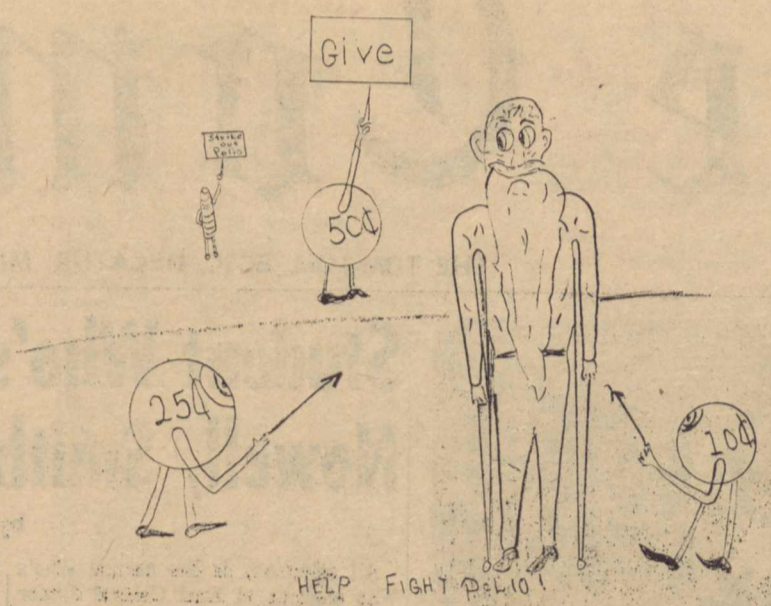

TOPICS: UNLIMITED

THROUGH THE LOOKING GLASS

By Alice of EC

Reflection

As we look back upon the year of 1968, we see a year that has been filled with sadness, happiness, and wonder. We have seen assassinations of political figures, a cruel war that continues still, deaths due to carelessness. Yet we have seen happy moments — weddings, newborn babies, the good and beautiful things of life. Wonder and astonishment were a part of 1968, too. Three men traveled farther into space than most men ever dreamed possible. They accomplished a feat that seemed impossible — a moon orbit. The impossible again became possible. A new year has been born. We have been given a fresh start. The opportunity is ours to do what we will with the coming days. Will we make them happy or sad?

This And That

"Examination" is a hateful word to most students. They dislike exams mainly because they are unprepared for them. Don't wait until exam day to study. Begin early. Be prepared. A new semester will soon begin, just as a new year has begun. Resolve to make this the semester when you make the kind of grades that you know you are capable of making.

This month is the one in which the March of Dimes campaign will begin. Be willing to give to this worthwhile cause. You never know when you may need the help of this outstanding organization.

A Welcome

Welcome back Mrs. Susie Barnett to East Central. You have really been missed by all the students. Your smiling face on campus is a welcomed sight.

An Instructor With Varied Interests

Shelby Harris, East Central math instructor who is on leave of absence at the University of Southern Mississippi to complete a doctorate degree, recently won recognition in the annual Christmas lighting contest in Union. Mr. Harris decorated the People's Bank of Union which won first place in the business section of the contest. He also decorated a door of a house in Union which won second place in the contest. Mr. Harris has been a part-time employee at the People's Bank of Union since 1956. You can see that he is an instructor with varied interests.

Wedding Bells Go With Holidays

by Diane Herring

Listen, do you hear bells? Not just the regular bells, like doorbells and shop bells or even cowbells, but it's Christmas bells and maybe wedding bells, too.

It seems as if weddings and holidays just go together like chocolate and pimples. Everytime there is a school holiday there seems to be an out-break of marriage-itis. Thanksgiving and Christmas are the main holidays for the epidemics of this strange disease.

If a girl is lucky enough to have a steady she just might be lucky (?) enough to get a proposal. If she doesn't have a steady, there's always the old standby — mistletoe. Mistletoe is "local" this time of the year - - and not quite so obvious as it would be around the Fourth of July. But everyone knows that mistletole is just to help the poor ole Yankees, us Southerners don't need an excuse.

There are several things a girl must consider before she accepts the proposal. There are several questions she must answer.

1. Do we get along well together?

I mean, being civil only five days out of seven is not really being compatible.

2. Is there enough to base a marriage on?

A mad craving for pepperoni pizza and peanut better and banana sandwiches won't last 'til the coffee pot gets hot, let alone a silver anniversary.

3. Who will support whom?

Somebody has to support the college student. Who will drop out to dig ditches or work for Roto-rooter to put the other through college?

4. Did he get that ring out of Cracker-Jacks?

No girl wants a Cracker-Jack addict for a husband. She doesn't want an old skinflint who won't buy a ring either — and not a ring that turns her finger green.

But girls, remember after all that he is a hardworking college boy. That microscopic speck of dust on top of that little gold wire just might be the diamond! Don't hurt his feelings by trying to brush it off — until he's gone and you can check for yourself.

Another thing to remember is that it is always open season. If you don't have a guy, just grab you a clump of mistletoe and start looking. I plan to!

STUDENTS SPEAK

by Sandra Clark

In order to belong to the society of today, one must realize that there are certain rules and regulations set up by this society which one is expected to follow to call himself an accepted member. The adults of today have more or less accepted these rules as they have encountered them over the years but what about the young person of today? The big thing in these times seems to be individuality. In order to be an individual one must learn to do his own "thing." Do the rules and regulations of society hamper one from becoming an individual, or do they only stand as caution signs along the way? By conforming to these rules has one defeated his purpose of becoming an individual or has he merely made the first step in learning to get along as an individual with his society?

The question asked of students this week is, "What do you think is the greatest problem faced by a young person today in the society in which he lives?

The students considered this very seriously and these are some of their thoughts.

Being able to recognize the things that are important and worthwhile in life; to be able to build a philosophy and to live by it.

Being able to be yourself and not having people to tell you what you should or should not do such as lowering your dress, or cutting your hair, making you be like all the other little machines lined up in a row.

One of the problems facing us is being able to accept all the responsibility that is being given to us. It would be so much easier if the adults would have more faith in us.

Young people want to live for themselves, to express themselves in their own way.

The war is a great problem. It almost decides a person's future for him. Whether to marry or not to marry, to continue with education or to "join-up." The war affects the way in which one plans his future as far as what to do in the way of making a living.

Being honest with oneself and the people around him is what young people want. This is a goal for a great many and as one great individual said long ago, "To thine own self be true and it must follow as the night the day, thou can'st not then be false to any man."

Being an American is a wonderful thing, but being an American young person is even more wonderful. To be able to do you own "thing" without being banned or stifled.

CAMPUS CULTURE CORNER

By LINDA LATHEM

"Humor," says James Thurber, "is a serious thing. I like to think of it as one of our greatest natural resources which must be preserved at all costs. One of the things that worry me is the diminishing of political satire. In the heyday of Henry Mencken and Will Rogers . . . they were not afraid to make fun of public figures. I think we care a little but now." Aristophanes (c. 445-c 385 B. C.), a Greek playwright, probably made fun of public figures more harshly and more amusingly than any other comic writer, Aristophanes' plays encountered almost no censorship in the city of Athens. Whether there is any truth in the incident or not, it is doubtful; but it is said that when a Syracusan tyrant asked Plato to describe the Athenian constitution, Plato sent him the plays of Aristophanes.

Most of Aristophanes' comedies

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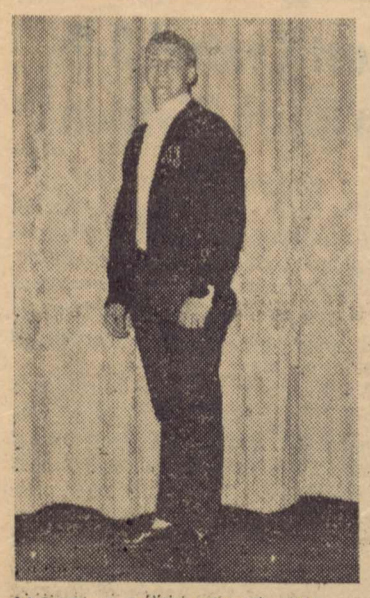

MOST HANDSOME. Barry Irons of Philadelphia was elected Most Handsome in the recent Who's Who election on campus.

Beware All The Blue Bushmen, Or Pygmies At Top Of The Stairs

Four feet tall, wearing blue robes and hoods, only distinct features were the piercing eyes. Sound like an "out-of-this-world" TV show? Maybe. But a coed in Newsome Hall and her roommate will tell you that they saw two little "men" who fit this description. At 1:30 a.m., January 9, 1969, a knock sounded on the door of Room 23 of Newsome Hall. The two girls, because of intense heat, were sitting up — one on the bed; the other in a chair. One, thinking it to be Miss Barber, the Dean of Women, told the other to answer the door. She did. What she saw brought a terrifying scream that woke girls on second floor. One girl on the first floor heard the scream but thought she had been dreaming. The "men" stared one of the coeds in the face. She recovered enough from the original shock to ask if she were seeing things. The other saw the robes of the two "men" as they fled down the hall. Between 2:30 and 3:00 a.m. all the girls in Newsome who were not already awake were awakened. Rooms were searched for evidence of the "men". No trace could be found. The night watchman was called in. He is reported to have said to some of the girls that he was sure that the girls saw something. He said that it had to be somebody or a ghost. He went on to say that he doesn't believe in ghosts. He searched the area around Newsome but saw no sige of the described suspects. Miss Barber, Dean of women, says that she is sure that the "men" were in reality two girls in the dorm itself who were playing a prank on the two girls.

The two coeds did see something at their door but what? Will the mystery be solved? Only time will tell.

MAY QUEEN AND MAID OF HONOR. Chosen by vote of fellow students to reign as May Queen is Charlene Mapp of Forest. Georgia Monk will serve as Maid of Honor. The two will be featured at the May Day activities in the spring.

THRU FOUR EYES

The new year is here, bringing with it all sorts of little goodies. The one that is on everybody's mind is semester tests. We students are eagerly (?) awaiting them with smiles on our faces and songs in our hearts. Maybe we're all laughing to keep from crying.

The new year also brings that highly intellectual question, "What did Santa Claus bring you?" Many found that he brought them beautiful cases of flu. More than one student spent the holidays cultivating their Hong Kong, Ubangkee, or Conehatta flu germs. Their sentiments about the holidays were, "Oh, wow! Ring that birthday bell — Ding Dong!"

Not everyone was accursed with one man flu epidemics. Some students received various and sundry gifts. Pedialia Stokes received a beautiful purple buzzard. It is perched in a position to cast baleful eyes on any unsuspecting visitor. The Beautiful Bird is not the only animal friend. Brenda Garvin's room is infested by a black fuzzy thing (not her roommate). It's Big Ben the Beautiful Black Baboon. Ben has the most gorgeous red eyes, but what can you expect living with three girls.

Of course there's the clothes. Most of the girls received beautiful clothes. Mary Charles Naish received a beautiful white blouse. It is such an unusual one that Mr. Vickers ceased to expound on the Platonic elements of **Paradise Lost** to comment on it. Another opinion is that she has visions of becoming a lady dentist. Louise Johnston pulled through with a leopard vest. She wears this when she plays the Wonderful Chapman Radio.

Not everyone can get back into the groove of things after the holidays. Things are so bad in Newsome Hall room 23 hs been declared a disaster area. Two sophomore girls vow that it is only vitamin capsules and nerve pills that keep them on their feet.

A popular sport is proving old adages. The one under attack now is "All that glitters is not gold." After Christmas it seems that everything that glitters is diamonds. And now after this news I take pen in my unadorned little hand, to sign off.

"I Thoo!"

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open with the statement of a situation or problem. In **The Clouds,** a father decides to visit Socrates. He thinks that he may learn a way to avoid paying his debts. This statement of a situation or problem is known as the **prologos.** The **parodos** section follows. In this section, a fantastically dressed chorus enters. The chorus is usually dressed as animals to signify the ancient rituals. The chorus in **The Clouds** are dressed as clouds. An **agon** or debate section usually follows. This section is revelant to the opening section. In **The Clouds** the **agon** section is the one in which Right and Wrong Logic debate each other. The **agon** is followed by a **parabasis.** The leader of the chorus directly addresses the audience. He harangues the crowd, airs his views on art or politics or whatever pleases him. In **The Clouds** the **parabasis** precedes the **agon.**

Aristophanes wrote **The Clouds** as an attack on Socrates and the other philosphers. During the fifth century a conflict arose between the poets and philosophers. The philosophers took on more of a teacher role, a role that had been held by the poets. Aristophanes saw logical and scientific analysis as being a narrow-minded effort to stifle the breath, complexity, beauty, and joy of experience because it substituted clever thinking for full wholesome living. He felt that a philosophic view of man could be funny. The basic comic situations in **The Clouds** is explained by Lucien Price: "Laughter," Price says, "is our reminder that our theories are an attempt to make existence intelligible, but necessarily only an attempt; and does not the irrational, the instinctive, burst in to keep the balance true by laughter."

The Clouds was a distorted view of Socrates' philosophy. The Athenian people believed what they saw in the play. It was one of the factors that led to the death of Socrates. **The Clouds** is not only a great comedy, but it also illustrates the dangers of a comic view.

It's A Fact . . .

that East Central has more graduates teaching in Mississippi's institutions of higher learning than any other Junior College.

that the East Central gymnasium was the first brick gym built in this area of the state.

that Mr. Cliburn is the uncle of the famous American pianist Van Cliburn.

that East Central's basketball team has twice won fourth place in the nation in Junior College basketball.

that the safe in Mr. Vickers office will, in all probability, fall through on the college heating plant.

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SPORTS FORUM

By David Rives

What Happened To The SEC

It wasn't quite as bad as last year but it came close to being. Last year the Southeastern Conference lost five bowl games and won only one. This year the conference split in bowl action 3-3.

This season Ole Miss won handily 34-17 over Virginia Tech in the Liberty Bowl. LSU came from behind to beat Florida State 31-27 in the Peach Bowl and Auburn shellacked Arizona 34-10 in the Sun Bowl. These were all great victories against good teams.

But the disappointment is over the conference's so-called leading teams—Alabama, Tennessee, and Georgia. All were beaten soundly. 'Bama lost 35-10 to a strong Missouri team. "Bear" Bryant said Alabama looked like a barber's college.

Tennessee lost 36-13 to Texas. The Longhorns simply outmanned the Volunteers.

And Georgia—what did happen? Well, they were beaten 16-2 by a stubborn Arkansas team in the Sugar Bowl.

All in all a bad record as far as the bowl picture is concerned. The three strongest teams of the SEC were beaten badly.

Now the question has arisen, "Is the SEC going downhill?" Personally, I don't think so. Perhaps everyone else has come up a notch or two. The SEC no longer scares anyone as it did a few years back. Everyone is 'gunning' to knock an SEC team off.

Also, one reason contributing to the two successive years of poor 'bowling' is the fact that the SEC teams take bowls to be commonplace. Look at the record. The SEC sent six teams to bowls this year and last year, and probably back for as long as you can count. The bowls are no longer special any more to the SEC. The Southwest Conference was runner-up in the number of teams sent to bowls this year and there were only three SWC teams as compared to the SEC's six.

The other reason why the SEC didn't do so well is the fact that most of the teams have not adapted the 'pro' set offense. You must, if you are to win most of your games now. The reason is simple. The defenses now can stop the run. Ohio State proved that against USC. If O. J. can be stopped, anyone can.

The "pro" set will give the teams more punch. Ole Miss opened up with a form of the "pro" offense and had a better season than year before—statistical wise especially.

The SEC will come back, have no doubt. And in all probability will be much tougher this year, than last. I've never known "Bear" Bryant, or Vince Dooley to lay down and play dead, and neither will the SEC.

EC Keeps in Winning Way: Tops Delta Trojans 81-72

The East Central Warriors basketball team continues to dominate their opponents as they handed Delta a 81-72 loss before a home crowd on Tuesday, December 17.

The Warriors dominated the game after the first half of play and never gave the lead back.

East Central got the jump of the ball as the game began. Larry Gressett sank two baskets as the Warriors jumped to a 4-0 lead. The Trojans scored seven points during the next two minutes to lead 7-4.

Nowell sank a field goal and Gressett tossed in a free throw on tie the game at 7-7 with 14:15 left on the clock.

Neither team could get ahead by more than two points the next few minutes. Boozer got a lion's share of the rebounds, as the pace-quickened. With about eleven minutes left in the half, Gressett and Fulton tied the game with two quick shots at 13-13.

The Trojans forged ahead to 17-15, and then 20-17, as the Warriors faltered. With nine minutes left in the half, Art Fulton and Robert Dorman sank two free shots to pull the Warriors to within three points of the Deltans.

Nowell and Gressett sank two field goals, as the Warriors climbed to a 25-23 lead.

Dorman hit for five points as the game became tied at 28-28 with 3:48 left in the first half. The see-saw battle continued as Boozer, Dorman, and Gressett kept the Warriors in the fight. The score jumped from 33-30 for the Warriors to 37-33 as the half ended.

Second Half

The Warriors never looked back when the half began. Nowell and Dorman hit from the outside, as Gressett and Boozer got the rebounds. The Warriors led 42-39 with 16:32 left to play. Boozer scored a field goal and a free shot to give the Warriors a 45-39 lead. The EC team suddenly came alive and with twelve minutes left they led by a 54-44 margin.

The pace slowed to a snail's crawl the next two minutes. The Warriors scored once on a 25 foot shot by Dorman and the Trojans didn't do much better during the interlude. With 6:13 left, the score stood at 59-55 for the Warriors. Gressett and Nowell sank a couple of shots as the Warriors came out of the slump to lead 63-57.

Delta, getting a little worried, began to really move the ball. The Warriors were ready though, and also played fast ball. The score jumped from 66-60 in favor of EC to 73-70 with a minute and a half left to play.

Nowell sank two big free shots to give EC a five point edge. Delta became desperate, but to no avail. The Warriors continued to play open ball as Nowell and Gressett scored several baskets each. The score ended 81-72.

Esquire's CLUB & CAMPUS FASHIONS

By CHIP TOLBERT
ESQUIRE'S FASHION EDITOR

ALL RIGHT NOW, when was the last time you wrote home? Well, we suggest this might be a good time to get off a letter—particularly with the holidays coming up. Granted it's more blessed to give than to receive...but it never hurts to drop a few hints. And here are some fashion items that might make excellent entries on your Christmas list:

SPORTCOATS SURGE to the fashion foreground with big, bold plaids—giant Glens, windowpanes, pattern-on-pattern overplaids—the bolder the better. Side vents are deep...up to 14 inches...and waist suppression furthers the trend toward shape. While on sportcoats, we should mention the Billiard Cloth Blazer. Tailored in bulky, hefty baize in single and double-breasted models, these new blazers have the soft, smooth look of a billiard table-top—with colors to match. In addition to the traditional navy, brighter blazers will be seen in real billiard green and camel, tan and gold shades. Try this blazer with patterned slacks—so popular right now—and you should chalk up lots of points.

CUIR SAUVAGE—the rage of the Continent last season—has come into its own in America this Fall. The literal translation from French is "wild leather" and you can recognize it by the antiqued finish which gives an interesting—and totally new—look. Styles abound—a Western cowboy version made famous by Steve McQueen, aviator/bomber jackets with zippers going in every direction, three-quarter-length belted models with deep center vents, notched collars, epaulets and detachable pile linings. Prices vary greatly...from about $75 to over $400...so you can really go wild when purchasing your new "wild leather."

THE COONSKIN COMEBACK is big news for college men...but we don't mean those ratty refugees from second-hand shops. Brand new furs with healthy sheen and high styling, the look we like is maxi-length with belted back and sprawling notched collar. Many come with brilliant colored linings for added dash. And if raccoon doesn't grab you, try...

NORWEGIAN HAIR SEAL in a short double-breasted, side-vented coat...again with notched collar and belted back. Or a seal parka—mighty handsome with leather piping and stand-up collar. Then there's lynx, muskrat, kangaroo, Russian wolf (great for a greatcoat) and of course mink...for them as has! But should you want to try fur fashions without too large an initial outlay, take a look at the models available in acrylic pile. These coats capture the look, the warmth, the luxurious trappings of fur at a fraction of the cost...and require little upkeep.

THE EASY SUIT brings a new concept to college wardrobes, with gangs of latitude for the imaginative dresser. In this case "easy" means "easy to interchange," for this is a suit that can be just as easily worn with turtleneck as with shirt and tie. The jackets range from variations on the Regency theme to double-breasted pea-coats ...some are fly-front, some collarless. Trousers are generally slightly flared...and the over-all look will stamp the wearer with distinct individuality—no bad thing in this era of fashion revolution.

LAST MINUTE SUGGESTIONS for that Christmas list: matching mufflers, gloves and sweaters in bright wools, either solid color or border-striped...bodyline sportshirts...toiletries (there's such a raft of new products and scents, we suggest you check them out first...then indicate specific preferences).

East Central 3-2 In North Division

Northeast Leads 3-0

The North half of the Mississippi Junior College Basketball Conference is shaping up to be a real battle.

The division leader at the moment is Northeast. The Northeast team is big, quick, and strong. They can hit inside or out.

Northwest is hot on Northeast's trail. The Rangers are 3-1 in the North half and are a very strong team. Their only defeat was a loss to Northeast. Their main point getters are Jacobs, Baird, and Martin.

The East Central Warriors are 3-2 in the division. Their two defeats have come at the hands of Holmes and Northeast. The Warriors stand 8-3 overall and have surprised quite a few people.

The Warriors have speed and height. The team can hit from the outside, or they can go inside. The Warriors' tall men are Boozer, Hitt, McDaniel, and Gressett. Gressett is only 6 feet 2 inches, but he jumps like a 6 foot 4 inch man.

Fulton, Nowell, and Dorman do most of the Warrior's outside shooting.

The Warriors now play eight out of the next nine away, before coming home for five straight. There is something about a game away from home that really requires a little something extra. If the Warriors can find that little something and win these games, then they might have a chance to go all the way. Well, we'll just have to wait and see!

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The first nuclear submarine built in the South was produced in Mississippi by Ingalls Shipbuilding Corporation at Pascagoula. The nuclear sub, the Sculpin, was launched on March 31, 1960. The firm also built the last diesel electric sub for the Navy, the USS Bluejack. — Released by the Mississippi Economic Council.

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Remaining Basketball Schedule

Jan. 21—Scooba	There	Feb. 11—Scooba	Here
Jan. 24—Itawamba	There	Feb. 13—Co-Lin	Here
Jan. 25—Northeast	There	Feb. 14—Livingston, Ala.	Here
Feb. 1—Livingston, Ala.	There	Feb. 15—SE Baptist	There
Feb. 3—Pearl River	There	Feb. 20 - 21 - 22	
Feb. 6—Northwest	Here	North Half Tourney	
Feb. 7—Delta	Here		

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TOP SCHOLARS. Students achieving a 4.0 average for the first semester were (first row, up the stairs) Joan Breland, Rachel Barrett, Sherri Whinnery; (second row) Cecil Kemp, Jr., Linda Lathem, Gail Fulton; (third row) Audrey Boggan, and Lee Clarke.

Honor Roll Lists 160 Students For First Nine Weeks Grading Period

Twelve Students Maintain 4.0 Average

by Gloria Sanders

One hundred sixty students maintained averages for the first semester grading period at East Central which enabled them to be placed on the honor roll.

The honors are based on a four point system. For special distinction, a 4.00 average is necessary; for distinction, a 3.50 or better average is necessary; and for honorable mention, a 3.00 or better average.

Seventy-one freshmen, 74 sophomores, and 15 vocational and part time students achieved honors being the total number of students listed on the honor roll to 160.

Audrey Boggan, Rose Hill; Ellen Bragg, Newton; Joan Breland, Philadelphia; and Sherry Shinnery, Walnut Grove, were freshmen achieving special distinction. Sophomores receiving special distinction were Rachel Barrett, Philadelphia; Lee Clarke, Noxapater; Gail Fulton, Philadelphia; Cecil Kemp, Jr., Louisville; and Linda Lathem, Sebastopol. Three vocational students, Otho Herrington, Van Taylor, and Ray Wright, also achieved special distinction.

A total of 36 students attained a rating of distinction. Sophomores that attained distinction are as follows: Miriam Barber, Lake; Kathern Fulton, Edinburg; James Boles, Lake; Charles Brown, Philadelphia; Carolyn Clark, Decatur; Sandra Clark, Walnut Grove; Larry Ezelle, Decatur; Ricky Gibbs, Newton; Jane Greenwood, Hickory; Sylvia Horn, Carthage; Wanda Jones, Union; Gerald Mayes, Decatur; Bill Meador, Decatur; Gloria Sanders, Forest; Jolene Savell, Union; Roger Smith, Madden; Frances Townsend, Lena, and Merrill Goolsby, Carthage.

The 20 freshmen attaining distinction are as follows: Kathy Cole, Louisville; Nancy Eubanks, Lake; Nanell Evans, Beulah Hubbard; Frances Everett, Hickory; Joyce Freeman, Decatur; Gail Gray, Philadelphia; Dottie Horn, Forest; Judy Rudolph, Philadelphia; Larry Jones, Forest; Linda Kelly, Carthage; Ruth Ann Majure, Newton; Mary Ann McDonald, Forest; Virginia Dale Mitchell, Louisville; Patsy Nester, Lake; David Rives, Decatur; Elisabeth Rowell, Newton; Janet Stampley, Hickory; Anita Williams, Hickory; and Charles Wright Jr., Decatur.

A total of 109 students rated honorable mention. The 50 sophomores that attained honorable mention are as follows: Ann Byas, Lake; David Cleveland, Hickory; Pat Cleveland, Union; Donna Crawford, Philadelphia; James Ducan, Louisville; Larry Duran, Noxapater; Arlene Edwards, Decatur; Joe Graham, Huntsville, Ala.; Sandra Gray, Union; Larry Gressett, Hickory, Barbara Halford, Forest; Charles Hand, Beulah Hubbard; Elaine Hardy, Philadelphia; Nancy Henderson, Walnut Grove; Dianne Herring, Morton; Jerry Hill, Philadelphia; Barbara Ingram, Cathage; Barry Irons, Philadelphia; Ben Johnson, Philadelphia; Ester Kennedy, Forest; Brenda Kinton, Madden; Bruce Lewis, Newton; Bettye Lewis, Walnut Grove; Lynn Lofton Anthony, Philadelphia; Elaine Madison, Philadelphia; Charlene Mapp, Forest; Marianne Matthews, Forest; Wanda May, Forest; Delbert McCown, Philadelphia; Sandra McCrory, Lake; Gwen McGrew, Forest; Gary McPhail, Carthage; Susanne Milling, Decatur; Charles Moore, Carthage; Martha Moulds, Decatur; Sam Nowell, Philadelphia; Linda Parker, Lake; Buddy Powell, Morton; Thomas Schockley, Columbus; Joe Sigrest, Forest; Patsy Slaughter, Philadelphia; Sandy Smith, Decatur; Gary Walker, Philadelphia; Becky Warren, Union; Kenneth White, Beulah Hubbard; Jimmie Wilson, Newton; Jon Wilson, Newton; Hugh Wiley Winstead, Philadelphia; Kenneth York, Carthage; and Martha Burns, Union.

Honorable mention was maintained by 47 freshmen: Linda Blount, Bay Springs; Charlotte Blass, Beulah Hubbard; Sam Blount, Decatur; Frances Breckenridge, Hickory; Nona Butler, Lake; Marilyn Burrow, Philadelphia; Babs Cain, Philadelphia Linda Chandler, Louisville; Beverly Chambliss, Noxapater; Cynthia Crowson, Louisville; Donna Coward, Morton; Danny Coward, Noxapater; Roger Davis, Decatur; Glenn Dennis, Lawrence; Phillip Gandy, Hickory; Bill Griffis, Hickory; Buddy Guyse, Hickory; Charles Hamil, Union; Sammy Wayne Hatcher, Hickory; Glenda Hillman, Madden; Joe Hodge, Louisville; Charles Holdiness, Decatur; Dianne Holder, Noxapater; Lee Ann Hollingsworth, Decatur; Cecil Ray Jordan, Walnut Grove; Wayne Lasher, Scott Central; Betty Logan, Lake; Patricia Majure, Decatur; Clarence McMillan, Conehatta; Glenda McMullan, Decatur; Carney Nicholson, Philadelphia; Charles Roland, Carthage; Wanda Rushing, Carthage; Patsy Sadler, Hickory; Elizabeth Slay, Lena; Jesse Lee Smith, Decatur; Ray Tate, Forest; Gary Thorne, Hickory; Jerry Tillman, Forest; Joyce Tillman, Forest; Elizabeth Vance, Newton; Sandra Waggoner, Carthage; Sonya Philadelphia; Steven Arnold Willis, Lawrence; and Geraldine Wolfe, Lake.

Twelve vocational and part-time students achieved a rating of honorable mention: Vernon Carter, Philadelphia; Jimmy Chestnut, Morton; Paul Cook, Carthage; Gleason Cooksey, Union; James Evans, Carthage; Harold Frink, Beulah Hubbard; James Jones, Philadelphia; Franklin Lewis, Lena; Larry Parks, Lake; Richard Shoemaker, Decatur; William Smith, Little Rock, and Billy Thomas Underwood, Sebastopol.

Newton County claims the highest number of honor students with 54 being from that county. Thirty-nine honor students are from Scott County. Neshoba County claims 25; Leake claims 24 honor students, while Winston has 15. Two students are from out of the five county area, one from Jasper, and one from Lowndes. One student is out of state — Huntsville, Alabama.

Major Building Program Approaches Completion

Other Structures Are Planned

Progress is the word that best describes what is occuring on the East Central campus. According to Dr. Charles V. Wright, president, the new vocational-technology building will be in use in approximately three weeks if all goes well. This building is awaiting opening pending the arrival of necessary furniture. The business department, electricity, auto mechanics, body and fender, and drafting and design will be housed here. In September of this year, radio and TV repair, and machine shop will be in this building. On February 4, 1969, the college will accept bids for a $23,000 to $25,000 contract to install curvings and pavement for the area around the vocational-technical building.

The agriculture technology building, located near the football field, contains two offices and three classrooms. This building is ready for occupation when the new furniture arrives.

Dr. Wright went on to say that the new fine arts building, including equipment, will cost somewhere in the neighborhood of $300,800. He said that this building should be completed sometime in May. It will consist of two music classrooms, a listening room and library, a choir room, a band hall, an art classroom, a ceramics area, a reception room that will double as a faculty lounge, and a small auditorium with the seating capacity of 240 people. The lobby, choir room, and lounge will be carpeted. The entire building will be air-conditioned.

As soon as the business department can be moved into the vocational-technology building, the library will be remodeled. The reading room and classroom on the north side will be taken out and added to the library facilities. The classroom on the south side will be remodeled. Carpets and drapes are to be added throughout. Additional shelves are in the process of being assembled. The approximate cost of remodeling the library will be $10,000.

The new tennis courts will be completed for student use as soon as the weather permits.

Dr. Wright discussed the possibility of a physical education building. According to Dr. Wright, East Central has met the qualifications for the grant to make this building possible and has received state priority. This building will cost $339,230, forty per cent of which will come from a federal grant, Title I of the Higher Facilities Act. The go-ahead on this building is awaiting federal approval. Construction of the building is set for the next school year. This building will contain four offices, storage areas, modern dance and rhythm rooms, physical education therapy, men's dressing rooms, two classrooms, and two P. E. Courts. The building will occupy 25,662 square feet of space and will be located near the present football field.

Wesley Foundation Plans Programs

The East Central Wesley Foundation will sponsor a Bible study comparing the books of Mark and Luke beginning February 10, 1969. Ovid Vickers will lead this discussion on Monday nights at 6:00 p.m.

Beginning February 12, a film on social problems will be shown. George Abraham will conduct a discussion following the film. On February 19, Ovid Vickers will conduct a film on the meaning of success. The last of the series will be concerning voluntary work and will be conducted by the Rev. J. L. Neill.

On February 9, 1969, the Wesley Foundation will present a Christian witness program at the Noxapater Methodist Church.

BSU Reveals Plans For Activities

The Baptist Student Union has begun the second semester with many new ideas and a continuation of many interesting old ones. On Saturday, February 1, 1969, a prayer retreat at First Baptist Church, Newton, is planned. Students will leave from the campus at 9:00 a.m. and return at 4:00 p.m. Everyone is invited to participate in this rewarding retreat.

Beginning January 27 will be a series of programs on the different religions. There will be a number of guest speakers including faculty and students. These discussions will be held on Monday night of each week. Any student who would like to know more about his own religion or any other is invited to join the BSU on Monday nights.

On Tuesday nights the B.S.U. center will remain open until 10:30 for the students. There will be all sorts of games and activities including several new records which have been recently purchased. Later in the semester special entertainment will be added such as folk singing groups, movies, and well known entertainers.

The Baptist Student Union along with other groups throughout the area will soon begin the support of the new Billy Graham movie, **To A Penny.** It will be shown in the Decatur area in the near future. The tickets are one dollar and will be on sale at the BSU Center.

Delegates Elected To Attend MEA

Mrs. Jessie Everett and Denver Brackeen have been elected by the East Central Junior College faculty club to serve as delegates to the Mississippi Education Association Convention, to be held in March in Jackson.

The two will attend all meetings and will be responsible for voting on all matters that arise and on all proposals. At the meetings, all proposals formed will be submitted to the state legislature as recommendations.

When Mrs. Everett and Dean Brackeen return to their local teachers organization, they will report on the happenings of the convention.

-EDITORIALS-

Hey, You!

Yes, I said, "Hey, you!" Hey out there all you hipped up kids with shattered hopes. Don't cry now. You should have turned on before exam time and not have waited to the night before to cram. What did those hours of studying in the bathroom after lights out get you? Most likely your only reward was a bleak-looking you and a headache. A steady plan of day-by-day study is worth more than hours spent cramming. Researchers tell us that cramming isn't worth it. Our minds become fuddled, and we tend to forget a great portion of the material we cram into our brain.

Hey out there you class-cutters and laggers! What did you accomplish by cutting class or by being late? Nothing to your advantage, I can assure you. What about that third cut you took because you thought that you could get a legal excuse. WHAM! There went that top grade right down the drain.

Hey out there student-center sitters and card players. How did you fare? Don't get me wrong. There is nothing wrong with fun (I like mine, too!), but what's the use of being in college if you aren't going to apply yourself and increase your knowledge. If you're going to spend all your time outside of class sitting around doing nothing, you might as well stay home.

Hey, you! Get in the swing! A clean slate is yours. Make the most of it.

L. L.

The Road So Long, The Path So Narrow, And Oh, So Little Time To Walk Them . . .

The majority of us will never live to be eighty. Most of us will never see seventy-five. Think about that a moment. Seventy-five years amounts to 27,394 days, including Leap Year days. Not long, is it?

If one is now twenty years old, he has lived approximately seven thousand days. Of course, he does not remember the first four or five years, perhaps, but nevertheless, the time was consumed.

If the person happens to be twice twenty years of age, he has used over half of his time. Half of one's life gone at forty! But, then, perhaps we can not judge life so numerically. Life can not be condensed into numbers any more than it can be in dollars and cents.

Life is a road in a certain sense. A road has a beginning. It may be a small town, a large city, or just a trail that emerges. Our lives have a beginning, also, each coming from a different environment. Each person's life is separate and distinct from any other being who is or has lived on this earth. No one has or will think exactly the same thoughts as we, or do the same things in the same manner. Each person seeks life in a different way. Each has his own goal in life. To some it is a physical goal, and to others it is spiritual. But all are seeking to find meaning in life. Few succeed in finding it which is the tragedy of life.

Our lives resemble a road in that life rolls and curves around many different "valleys" and "hills," just as the road. Each morning we awaken to a different world. We may meet the same people, but we—WE determine the outcome of that day in our own life.

So, we are on the Road of Life. But what path are we on? This Road of Life is a wide and dangerous thing. There are many ways it can be travelled. Some travel the Road with little or no care to the path they take. Some people take the wrong path. Others find the right path.

This path represents many things. Each of us has a destination in life. For some the destination is a hard thing to find. Most people are discontented with their life. Many people have spent twenty or thirty, or maybe even sixty or seventy years working at this business of life and have never found the solution. They are on the wrong path. They are afraid to venture, to dream the impossible, to do the incredible, or to dare themselves to see their rightful place in life. These are the people who are followers, never leaders. They are the ones who gloat over man's ability, but are unwilling to use their own. They say, "I told you so!" when others fail. These people are all about us, and perhaps ARE us. (Let us hope not) And so, to all of us who are afraid to seek life, this final word: Dare to be brave for The Road is beneath you, the path before you, but oh, so little time to walk them.

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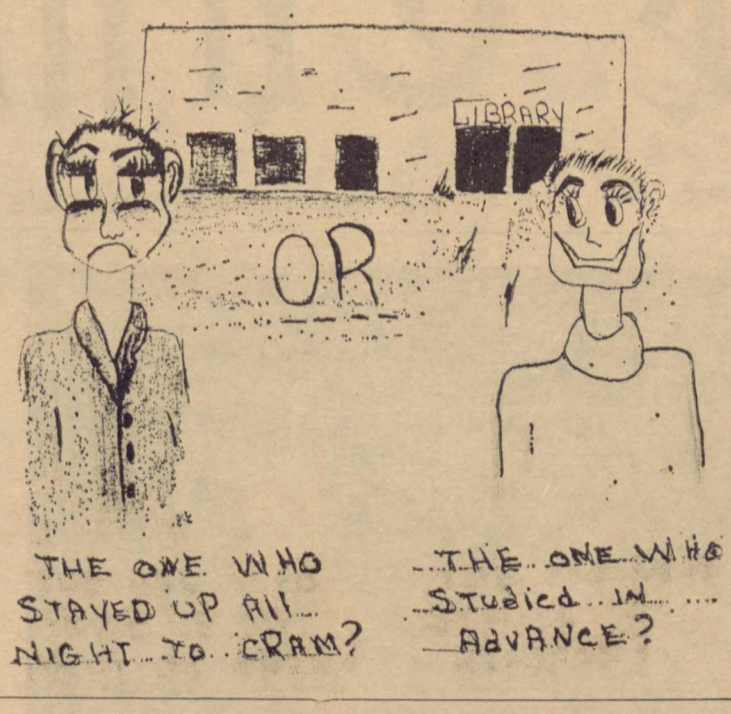

The Students Speak

by Sandra Clark

There seems to be a big problem in existence today which becomes more prevalent with each passing day; this is the communcation gap. Evidence of this has been exemplified lately at Berkeley University of California. Students were asked this week what they thought of the riots at Berkley. After answers such as, "what is Berkeley?" and "what riots?", this reporter finally got some straight answers.

Deborah Pierce: "I think most of the rioters just want attention. This is a result of the classes being so large. The instructor has so many students he can not give special attention to anyone."

Patricia Burton: "If they were there for education they wouldn't act that way. They need to be drafted so their energy can be put to good use."

Sherry Walker: "I think their problems could be settled in another way."

Joe Graham: "I am against the riots. They should settle it another way. Riots should be the last resort."

Peggy Nicholson: "I don't think they will ever get what they want by rioting."

Brenda Garvin: "I think they are kind of stupid, but students should have some way of expressing themselves."

Judy McKee: "I think they are wasting their time."

Betty Lewis: "I feel they are insecure and are in need of understanding."

Is the problem really a big one of communcation or of merely taking the time to listen? The young people of today want to be heard and some of them feel the only way this can be done is to riot and make lots of noise. If people would take the time to really listen, this problem could be settled in a lot less time and with a great deal of success.

Extra-Curricular Clubs Offer Varied Activities

When one thinks of college, one usually refers to academic work, but there are many more things involved in getting a well-rounded education. Many special interest clubs make up the extra curricular life of the students on the East Central campus.

The special interest clubs on campus offer varied opportunities to students. Most of the clubs meet once a month, the third period on Tuesday. There are organizations to fit every interest one might have.

The Agriculture Club's purpose is to acquaint the members with opportunities in the field. Students majoring in any field of agriculture are eligible.

Alpha Alpha Epsilon's main objective is to promote the social and economic welfare of the engineer, to stimulate public service in the profession, and to make further study of the industrial arts opportunities to allied fields. Anyone majoring in pre-engineering, industrial arts, or math is eligible for membership. This club is sponsored by Mr. Norton and Mr. Guthrie.

The E. C. J. C. Players was organized to provide an opportunity for those interested in dramatics to participate in various types of plays and programs. Mr. Peterson is the sponsor for this club.

Phi Beta Lambda is a national business fraternity. It was organized to foster better relationships between one another and to cultivate a better understanding of business principles in general. All business students are urged to join. It is sponsored by Mrs. Everett and Mr. Bedwell.

The Home Economics Club was organized for young ladies to learn

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CAMPUS CULTURE CORNER

By LINDA LATHEM

Not Vienna. Not Paris. Not London. But New York City, U. S. A. has become in the 1960's the classical musical capital of the world.

This is a totally new experience for New York even though she has been up front in other musical categories before. In the '30's and '40's jazz was popular here, and even before jazz came the Tin Pan Alley pops. Of course, Broadway musical comedy has existed for decades.

Practically every major concert star in America performs in New York City sometimes during the year. People in New York also see foreign stars more often than their own home people see them.

Among the major orchestras appearing in New York during the year are the Boston Symphony (ten concerts in New York's Lincoln Center and another five in Carnegie Hall), the Philadelphia orchestra (ten or more concerts), the National Symphony of Washington, D. C. (five), and the Cleveland Orchestra (three).

Each year Carnegie Hall sponsors a Festival of Visiting Orchestras that excel any other of its kind in the world. Among the famous orchestras in the Festival are Chicago, Los Angeles, Minneapolis, Pittsburgh, St. Louis, Detroit, Tronto, London, Paris, Munich, Berlin, Vienna, Amsterdam, Helsinki, Leningrad, Moscow, and Tokyo.

"Orchestra de Paris, Europe's newest major orchestra, that was founded last year made its debut in America. The debut also took a tragic turn. The conductor Charles Munch, who had conducted the Boston Symphony from 1949 to 1962, died a few weeks after the debut while conducting the orchestra in Richmond, Virginia. The orehcestra was touring the major cities of the United States. Perhaps it will be years before there emerges a conductor capable of replacing Munch.

The Bavarian Symphony of Munich, West Germany, better known in the United States as the Bavarian State Radio Orchestra, made an impressive debut in the United States also. The conductor is Czech-born Rafel Kubelik. Kubelik and the orchestra were well received for their first-rate performances of Mahler and Hindemith, two German composers. Mahler and Hindemith's work have been played more by United States Orchestras in the past then by their own countrymen. It is only now that they have been recognized in their country.

Lloyd C. Douglas is the author of many novels. Among these is **The Magnificent Obsession** The action takes place in Brightwood Hospital, Detroit, Michigan. The story begins with the tragic drowning of Doctor Wayne Hudson and the miraculous survival of the young and rich Bobby Merrick. Doctor Hudson had been a great and successful brain surgeon.

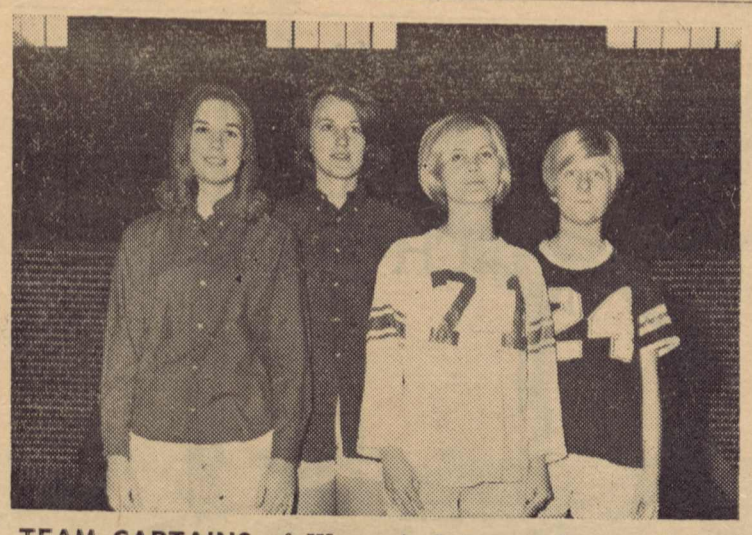
Bobby, in an effort to live up to the example set by Doctor Hudson, becomes involved in many unusual events. He finds a book written in code by Doctor Hudson. This book contains the secret of the success in his life. What Bobby finds in the book and the adventures he encounters as a result of it proves to be a story well worth the reading.

CORRECTION

In the December issue it was stated in **Through the Looking Glass** that Mrs. Everett attended Southern. She attended Ole Miss.

Note Of Thanks

The Tom-Tom staff would like to express appreciation to Dean Denver Brackeen for taking the pictures for the last two issues. During the absence of our regular photographer, Dean Brackeen has been of invaluable assistance.



TEAM CAPTAINS of Women's Intramurals are (l to r) Marilyn Anderson, Linda Comans, Georgia Monk, and Brenda Garvin.

Things We Would Like To See In '69

by David Rives

1968 was a great year for sports. Many things happened that left a permanent mark on sports that can never be erased. Most of these impressions were for the best.

In tennis, the open system that allows amateurs and professionals to play each other has proved to be stimulating for the overall picture of tennis! Chalk up a victory for tennis!

In football the American League has proved itself, or rather, the Jets did it for them behind Joe Namath. Although played on Jan. 12, the Super Bowl would have to be classed a '68 product. And so, chalk another, improvement for sports.

These and other improvements were made in 1968. It is good that 1968 was the year for these changes. But, we are now well within 1969. Here are some things we would like to see happen:

First, a great year for the centennial of both baseball and football. A hundred years have passed since these sports were conceived and played on the college grounds of our older institutions.

Baseball needs a good year. In fact, it needs a brilliant year, to help it out of the throes of the cancerous apathy it has dug itself into. We would wish that the commission would appoint a new Baseball Commissioner who is young enough and courageous enough for the task. Vince Lombardi has been mentioned. He could do it. Few men can.

Baseball needs something besides a new commissioner. It needs a few dozen, three-hundred hitters instead of a half dozen in both leagues. Baseball needs to get on a new scouting system and a new publicity system. We wish the high school and college enthusiasm would return to baseball in 1969.

We would like to see another great World Series in 1969. We wish, though, that Detroit and St. Louis would not totally run off and leave the rest of the pack as they did in '68. A good pennant race is very desirable for baseball's health.

As for football it seems destined for another great year. 1968 was the best year yet for football on all levels. We wish 1969 to be better. We wish another great Super Bowl, if possible, between the same two teams, in 1969. We believe, though, that neither will return in '69, the reason being that there is too much balance in each league. We wish another good pennant race in each league, as in '68. We wish the Packers the best of luck in '69, and also the Rams. We are prejudiced to believe that these teams will meet for the NFL title.

As for the AFL, we look for another good year for the Raiders and the Jets. Both will be back in good form in '69.

Looking at individuals, we wish Joe Namath another super year. We also wish Johnny Unitas another great year as he is still capable of producing. We wish Gayle Sayers a full recovery, and a little help next season in the Bear lineup, so we can see what he is really capable of.

As for individuals, we wish O. J. the best of luck in the pro ranks. We also wish Archie Manning and Tommy Pharr another great year at Ole Miss and State respectively.

For basketball, which is in full swing, we wish the best for the pro ranks and are looking forward to a Super match between ABA champion and the NBA winner. It will help both.

On the college level, we wish UCLA the NCAA title. The way they are going now, we don't believe that it matters what anyone thinks about it. We wish them an undefeated title, and vote for them as the greatest college team of all time.

As for Alcindor, we wish him the best of luck, and vote for him as the most mixed up kid we've ever seen with a million dollar price tag around his neck.

We also wish Ole Miss and State a better windup for the season, than they are anticipating.

As for other sports, we will briefly comment. We wish the U. S. track and field men and women another great year. We wish Jim Ryan a comeback.

As far as Avery Brundage is concerned, we commend him, and wish him another term as chairman of the U. S. Olympic team.

We wish boxing a true world champion that is respected by all.

We also wish the turbine car a place in racing.

We wish another great year for golf—Player, Archer, and Palmer especially.

As for East Central sports, we wish for the good showing of our baseball and tennis teams this spring. As of now, we hope for a great windup of a good season for our basketball team. And as for football, we hope and wish that '69 be the Year of the Warrior.

Warriors Squeak By Lions

The Warriors continued to play exciting ball last Tuesday night as they beat a good East Miss. team 66-64 in overtime at Scooba. One will seldom see more dramatic basketball than the game produced.

First Half

The Lions got the tip off, mainly because of their 6'7" center, Robert Montgomery, and scored on two free shots.

Sam Nowell sank a free throw and Art Fulton made a field goal to put the Warriors ahead 3-2.

Larry Gressett pumped in two quick field goals to make it 7-4 for EC.

With 13:35 left in the half, Perkins of EMJC made a basket to put the Lions within two points of the Warriors, 11-9.

Nowell scored six points for the visiting Warriors, as Perkins and Simmons each scored two points for the Lions to make it 17-17 for the Warriors with ten minutes remaining in the half. Larry Gressett scored a bucket to make it 19-15 as the game's pace lagged. From 9:02 left in the half to 6:20 there was not a point scored. The ball was being turned over and over to the other team by both sides.

Finally, the Lions broke the dead game with two points. Gressett scored a basket to make it 21-17 for EC with 5:09 left. Art Fulton then contributed five points to the Warrior cause and the EC team led 26-21 with 2:30 left in the half.

Montgomery and Perkins finished the scoring for the EMJC Lions and Fulton, Gressett, and Nowell ended EC's scoring. The Warriors pulled a four point lead out of near disaster in the closing moments and entered the locker room ahead by 31-27.

Second Half

The second half took up where the first half left off as far as excitement goes. Fulton added two points for EC to make the score 33-27. Montgomery added two frees for the Lions. Grady Boozer sank a free shot to make it 34-29. The pace once again slowed as far as scoring was concerned and the ball changed hands several times. Grady Boozer fouled out in three minutes gone in the half. Buddy "Uncle Bud" McDaniel replaced "Big Boozer" and promptly sank his initial basket of the night to give the Warriors a 36-31 lead.

Robert Dorman made five big points to give the Warriors a 41-34 lead. But then, the Warriors fell flat for a couple of minutes and the Lions led by Tommy Smith, tied the game at 43-43 with 9:56 left in the half.

McDaniel, Dorman, and Nowell then connected to give the Warriors a new 57-46 lead.

The Lions fought back to trail by only two points, 51-49, before Nowell, Gressett, and McDaniel all tallied to give the team a 58-50 lead.

The Warriors played erratically, though, and the Lions again tied the game at 62-62, led by Smith and Simmons, as the gun sounded.

Overtime

The game went next into overtime. The pace slowed to a crawl as each team tried to score on their "own sweet time" and failed.

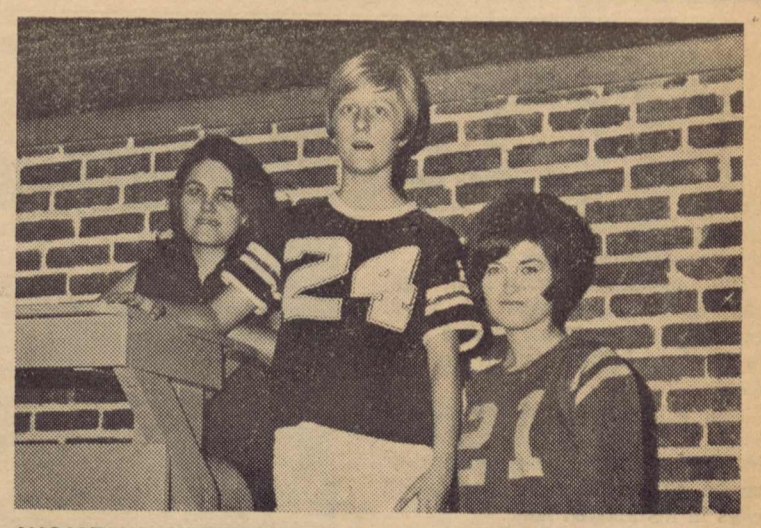
East Central drew "first blood" as Dorman was fouled and connected on both free throws. But the Lions came back to tie the game behind the free throws of Simmons, the mammoth center.

The Warriors took the ball downcourt with only seconds showing. Gressett went up for a lay-up and made it to end the game 66-64 for the Warriors.

The Game In Review

The Warriors gained a great victory. The game was a North Half contest. East Miss. is a good tall, quick team who has the "hosses" and does not hesitate to shoot. With Simmons at center, they are assured at least a "lion's" share (no pun intended) of the rebounds.

The Lions played much the style ball as East Central. It is quick, aggressive style that is yet conservative — work the ball in slowly and then score quickly. And the Lions came close to beating the Warriors at their own game. But, then, its hard to beat the teacher.



WOMEN'S INTRAMURALS. Officers of the Women's Intramurals Organization are Linda Chandler, president; Brenda Garvin, vice-president; and Sylvia Horn, secretary.

ECJC Overwhelms Pearl River

The mighty ECJC Warriors rolled over Pearl River to a 81-57 lopsided victory before a sparce home audience Friday night, Jan. 17.

There seemed to be no stopping the Warriors after the game began.

The Warriors jumped to an early lead behind outside shooting of Art Fulton and Sam Nowell, each sacking a goal to make the score 4-0 in favor of the Warriors.

With a little over three minutes gone, the EC team led 6-4 as Williams and Mills tallied for PRJC.

Larry Gressett sank a set shot and Buddy McDaniel sacked two goals to put the Warriors ahead by eight points 14-6 with 12:30 remaining on the clock.

Bracey fought back for PRJC with three quick goals, as Gressett and Nowell connected for two buckets. The score stood, 17-12 for EC with about eight minutes remaining in the first half.

Pearl River scored on a drive led by Norris, and EC countered as Glenn Hitt scored a lay-up shot to make it 21-14 for the Warriors.

Norris scored again for Pearl River as did Nowell of EC. Then Robert Dorman of East Central "exploded," for an eight point spree. The first four points came as back-to-back twenty foot set shots. Dorman then added two more goals for good measure to increase EC's lead to 31-19 as the clock showed 2:56 left in the half.

Bracey and Morris fought to keep the Pearl River team in the game but EC continued its dominance as the half ended 35-23 for the Warriors.

Second Half

The Pearl River team could not seem to put their game together at the beginning of the second half. Only a stout effort by Bracey kept the visiting team within shouting distance of the Warriors.

Robert Dorman and Art Fulton continued to fill the baskets with balls as the Warriors seemed to score at will. With eight minutes gone in the second half, the Warriors led 49-28.

Ben Johnson added two baskets and Robert Dorman added a pair as the Warriors climbed to a twenty-five point lead, 55-30.

Glenn Hitt and Sammy Pace each sacked a couple of goals to give the Warriors a 65-39 lead with about six minutes left.

Pearl River tried to rally behind Williams, but EC kept the pressure on as Danny McCrory and Danny Musgrove added to the EC margin.

Williams ended the game on a free shot conversion as the score stood 81-57 for the Warriors.

GAME IN REVIEW

The Warriors now stretch their season total to 12-4. Pearl River was a needed rest for the road-weary Warriors. The Warriors dominated the offensive game, and oddly enough, controlled the backboards, in spite of the 6'5" Grady Boozer on the disabled list. (Grady became sick on a shot of stretptomycin and was unable to play.)

SCORING — EAST CENTRAL

No.	NAME	FG	FT	Total Pts.
14	Gressett	4		8
22	McDaniel	6	1	13
21	Pace	3		6
15	Musgrove	2		4
12	Fulton	6		12
11	Nowell	3	2	8
15	Dorman	5	2	12
20	Johnson	2		4
24	Hitt	5		10
24	McCrory	2		4
		38	5	81

SCORING — PEARL RIVER

No.	NAME	FG	FT	Total Pts.
			3	13
11	Williams	5	2	22
15	Bracey	10	4	10
21	Norris	3	0	0
13	Lawler	0	3	5
3	Morris	1	2	2
41	Davis	0	2	0
12	Mills	1	5	5
		20	17	57

News Briefs

Eggs Do Not Excite Students

(ACP)— **The Oklahoma Daily,** University of Oklahoma, Norman, Oklahoma. It was a great effort but the record wasn't broken.

Bill Donnell, freshman from Duncan, didn't quite make the world record of eating 56 hard-boiled eggs in one hour in his attempt last Sunday.

Bill, a pledge of Phi Delta Theta social fraternity, was the star attraction of the pledge class function as he stuffed down 41 hard-boiled eggs in his allotted hour.

About 150 members, pledges and dates of Phi Delta Theta jammed into the large dining room of the house to watch the event. Even though he didn't break the record he was admired for the attempt.

"I thought I could break the record," Bill commented after his defeat. "I ate fifty of them in high school after being challenged by some classmates. I guess I just can't eat like I used to," he added.

Before the event Bill had only one more comment. "I can't stand hard-boiled eggs," he said.

Presidential Term May Be Six Years

(ACP)— **The Daily Texan,** The University of Texas, Austin, Texas. "Within the next 12 years I am certain that there will be a change in the length of the term of this office (president)," said US Postmaster General Marvin Watson in a speech at the University Friday.

"Four years is too short a period. Eight years is too long. One six-year term gives the man and the party and the country enough time to accomplish the mission chosen by the electorate," continued the former special assistant to President Lyndon B. Johnson. He was appointed to the office of Postmaster General last April.

Watson's address praised the outgoing President and commented on the Johnson Library now being constructed on the University campus.

"It so happens that the President keeps the most exact records of any man involved in public life," said Watson. "These records include everything which could possibly be assembled. Early in his presidency, he determined that the greatest possible contribution for the future would be a true history — both the rights and the wrongs and even the maybes — of the presidency in his time."

"Having assembled it, he found a great university which wished to put it in the proper setting," Watson continued. "Thus, he has presented it to this University — the last great gift he can give to both the American people and the people of the world."

An Oakhurst, Texas native who received bachelor of business administration and master of arts degree from Baylor University, Watson said that after the opening of the Johnson Library, the University would be a training ground for future presidents.

"The day will come," he said, "when people from all over the world — historians, activists, journalists, and others who seek knowledge — will come to utilize these papers."

Gump-Like Jaw Is Future Trend

(ACP)— **University Times,** University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, Pa. The trend, according to a Pitt professor in the School of Dental Medicine, is for the human jaw to recede.

More and more people will be looking like Andy Gump rather than Dick Tracy, according to Dr. Viken Sassouni, chairman of the Department of Orthodontics. His prediction came at a recent meeting of the American Dental Association in Miami Beach.

"A person with mandibular retrusion (receding lower jaw) is sometimes associated in newspaper comic strips with feeble-mindedness and usually is made the scapegoat."

The hero, in contrast, usually is a strongjawed or even jut-jawed individual.

"He may have a true mandibular prognathism (jutting jaw) but at this end of the telescope the social lens had made an attribute out of a deformity," he said.

Fraternities Losing Support

(ACP)— **The Brown and White,** LeHigh University, Bethlehem, Pa. "People are more independent and individually oriented." This statement by Dick Lentz, vice president of Berkley's Interfraternity Council, in the Dec. 9 issue of "Newsweek" may be the reason that fraternities are becoming archaic living arrangement.

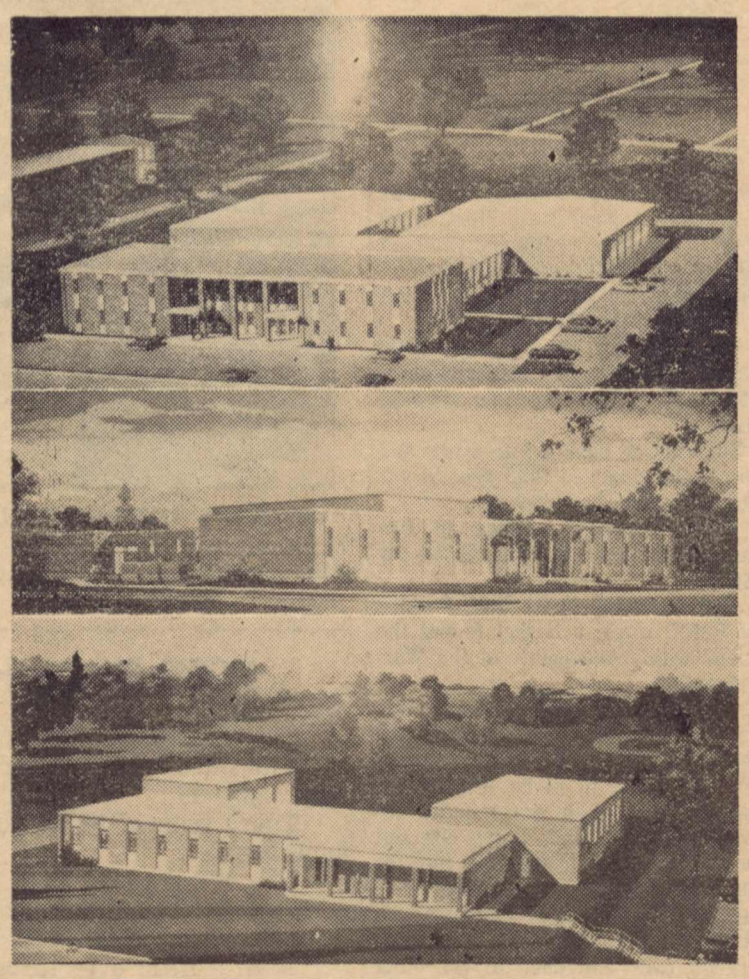
The article stated that, "In a campus era of activism and supersocial consciousness the Greek way seems like a system that has failed to adapt."

Berkley, for example, had 51 fraternities with 613 pledges eight years ago. This year it is down to 41 houses and only 275 pledges. Two fraternities and one sorority folded in the past year because of financial difficulties brought on by lack of members.

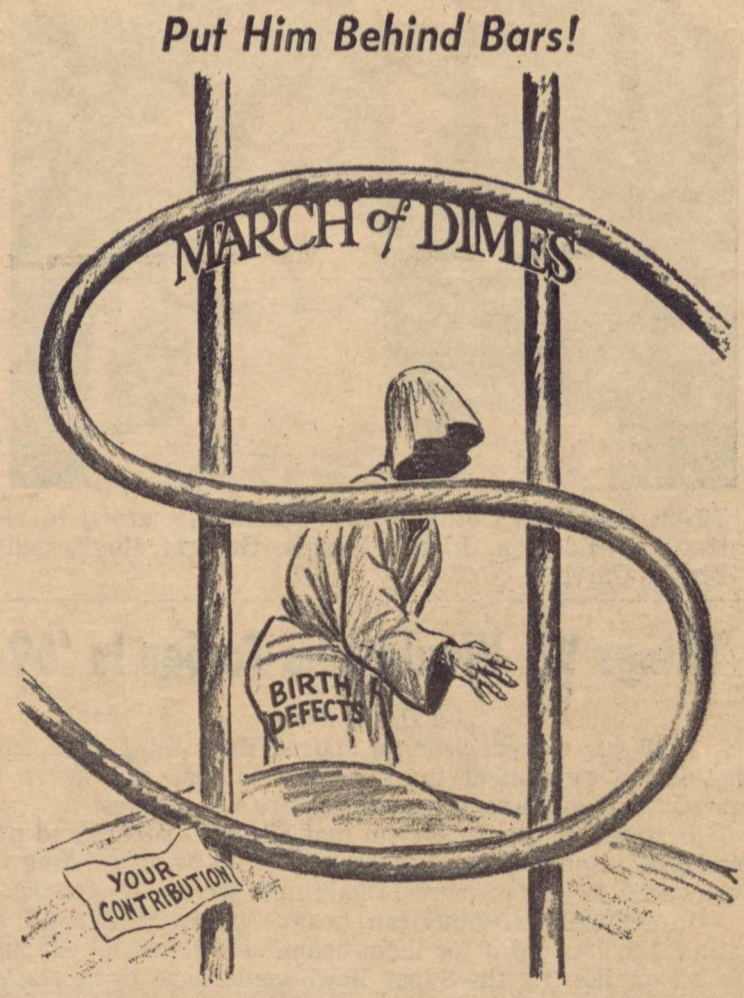
The Greek systems at UCLA and Northwestern are also having problems. The number of students eligible for rushing at UCLA has decreased by almost 300 in one year — from 635 to 344. Three fraternities are in serious financial trouble. Fraternities and sororities are less able to pick and choose their pledges.

Mrs. Pamela Hepple, assistant dean of women, notes a slight steady decline in sorority pledging. Some 44 per cent of the freshmen women pledged sororities this year compared with 60 per cent last year. "Most of us know it is a lousy system," said a girl at the end of rush, "but you don't get dates otherwise."

Northwestern has requested all of its sororities to write a formal letter stating that they do not discriminate. Less than half a dozen Negroes are housed in sororities.



ARCHITECT'S DRAWING of the three new buildings currently nearing completion on the East Central campus shows the vocational-technical building (top photo); the agriculture technology building (middle photo); and the fine arts building (bottom photo).



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to use the tools and techniques of the field and to stimulate interest in the field. Mrs. Hull is the sponsor for this organization.

M.E.N.C., Music Educator's National Conference, is an organization composed of music majors and minors. It is sponsored by Mrs. Thornton.

Phi Theta Kappa is an honors fraternity organized to promote scholarship, to develop character, and to cultivate fellowship among the superior students. It is sponsored by Mrs. Simmons.

The Student Education Association was organized to give the student practical experience in teacher-citizen relations. Mr. Cliburn sponsors this club.

Sigma Sigma Mu Tau presents programs on pre-medical vocational opportunities, conducts tours of surrounding hospitals, and obtains information from schools that would be of interest to the pre-med students. This fraternity is sponsored by Dr. Woods.

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SCHOLARSHIPS were awarded to nine East Central students at the beginning of the second semester. The recipients were (center) David Rives, Nanell Evans; and (standing, l to r) John D. Vance, Anita Williams, Judy Rudolph, Wayne Lasher, Sherri Whinnery, Linda Kelly, and Patsy Nester. (Photo by Logan Hill)

Nine Freshmen Receive Scholarships To ECJC

Nine East Central freshmen were recently awarded fifty dollar scholarships. This scholarship is awarded each year to valedictorians from high schools in the five county area who successfully complete their first semester here. Those receiving scholarships were: Nanell Evans, Beulah Hubbard; Linda Kelly, Carthage; Wayne Lasher, Scott Central; Patsy Nester, Lake; David Rives, Decatur; Judy Irons Rudolph, Neshoba Central; John D. Vance, Sebastopol; Sherri Whinnery, Walnut Grove; and Anita Williams, Hickory.

Nanell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Evans of Little Rock, was a member of the band at Beulah Hubbard, serving as drum major for three years. She was a Beta Club officer, class officer, member of FHA, FBLA, listed in Who's Who, representative at Girl's State in 1967, and Girls' State Counselor in 1968. She is a math major.

Linda Kelly, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James O. Kelly, was a member of FHA, state FHA treasurer in 1966, national vice-president of FHA in 1967. While at Carthage High School, Linda attended three FHA national conventions, was a member of the paper staff, recipient of American history award, and Carthage Rotary Club Award of $200. Linda is majoring in home economics.

Wayne Lasher, son of Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Lasher, won three scholastic awards in social science, English and Chemistry at Scott Central. Wayne was a member of the Beta Club, annual staff, FFA, Glee Club, and basketball team. He is in secondary education.

Patsy Nester, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Nester, was an all-District and All South Miss. basketball player. At Lake H. S., she was vice-president of the senior class, annual editor, most beautiful, head cheerleader, member of Beta Club, and homecoming queen. Patsy is in elementary education.

David Rives, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Rives, was a member of the Beta Club, Science Club, three year track star, named to All Sam Dale Conference, received Woodman of the World History Award, National Mathmatics award, elected Best All-Around Boy, Most Likely to Succeed, and Most Ideal Citizen. David is in pre-dentistry.

Judy Irons Rudolph, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Irons, was Neshoba County's Junior Miss, Most Beautiful, received County's Outstanding Youth Award, Betty Crocker Award, March of Dimes Fashion Show Award, was annual editor, member of Beta Club. Judy is in secondary education.

John D. Vance, son of Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie D. Vance, was Mr. Sebastopol High School. He won the Citizenship and math award, served as editor of the annual, was a member of the Beta Club, FFA and Science Club, and a member of the TAP committee. John is an engineering student.

Sherri Whinnery, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Whinnery, received the history award, National High School Award for excellence, home economics trophy, achievement award, was voted Most Dignified Senior and Most Intelligent, was secretary of the senior class, member of annual staff, paper staff, FHA, Beta Club, 4—H Club, Glee Club, All-county basketball guard, first alternate to Miss Walnut Grove and second alternate to Leake County Junior Miss. She is home economics major.

Anita Williams, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Williams, was co-editor of the annual, secretary of the Beta Club, member of the paper staff and Glee Club, received the Citizenship award, and was voted Most Likely to Succeed and Most Ideal Citizen. Anita is in Intensive Business.

Committees Chosen For May Day Fete

East Central Junior College's 35th annual May Day program will be presented May 8, 1969. Several committees have been appointed by the general chairman, Mrs. Ruth Hull, to plan and carry out the May Day ceremonies.

The committees are as follows:

Steering Committee: Ruth Hull, chairman; Jessie M. Everett, Kay Smith, Ovid Vickers, and Allyne Simmons.

Program Committee: Kay Smith, chairman; Bobby Glazar, R. G. Fick, Marian Thornton, and S. G. Seymore.

Decorations Committee: Mike McCarty, chairman; George Abraham, Alford Deaton, Martha Graham, Alice Pouncey, and Lavane Newell.

Publicity Committee: Billie Cork, chairman; Denver Brackeen, and Jim Lightsey.

Script: Allyne Simmons.

Reception Committee: Jessie M. Everett, chairman; Madaline Mayes Susie Barnett, Katherine Wright, and Susan Woods.

These committees, working together, will strive to make this the most outstanding May Day in the history of East Central.

PHI THETA KAPPA INITIATION. Twenty students who achieved the necessary grade point average were recently initiated as members of Theta Xi Chapter. (Photo by Logan Hill)

THEATRE ARTS CLASS TO PRESENT PLAY

The Theatre Arts Class will present a play in assembly March 4, 1969. As of yet the play has not been chosen. SAND BOX is a possibility.

Phi Theta Kappa Initiates Twenty Into Club

On February 4, 1969, the Theta Xi Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa initiated twenty members. Bettye Lewis, president, opened the program with the history and purpose of Phi Theta Kappa. Bettye stressed the fact that Phi Theta Kappa is a service organization. Linda Lathem, reporter, brought out the fact that Phi Theta Kappa is a challenge to put one's best self into all that one does. Interesting events and activities of the year which include the Phi Theta Kappa National Convention in St. Louis, Missouri, were related by Gail Fulton.

The following people were iniated as new members: Nona Butler, Audrey Boggan, Sandra Clark, Kathy Cole, Donna Coward, Nanell Evans, Larry Ezell, Diane Holder, Dottie Horn, Cecil Kemp, Ruth Majure, Mary Ann McDonald, Dale Mitchell, Gerald Mayes, Patsy Nester, David Rives, Elisabeth Rowell, Gloria Sanders, Frances Townsend, and Sherri Whinnery.

Bettye Lewis, Linda Lathem, Kathern Fulton, Arlene Edwards, and Ann Byas explained the meaning of the symbols of Phi Theta Kappa. Bettye then administered the oath of membership to the initiates. The initiates were pinned with blue and gold ribbons as they signed the roll book.

At the conclusion of the initiation service, Gloria Sanders and Ann Byas sang the Phi Theta Kappa song and the members recited the collect.

Ethridge To Speak At Society Meeting

Richard Ethridge, a member of the East Central faculty, has been selected to read a paper to the Mississippi Historical Society. The Historical Society will meet at the University of Southern Mississippi March 20-22. The twenty-first will be a day devoted to Theodore G. Bilbo. On this day, Mr. Ethridge will read his article which is entitled "THE SENATORIAL INVESTIGATION OF THEODORE G. BILBO IN DECEMBER, 1946, AND ITS AFTERMATH." Mr. Ethridge received the invitation to speak from Dr. John R. Skates, program chairman of the Mississippi Historical Society and members of the History Department of the University of Southern Mississippi.

-EDITORIALS-

Sighs And Groans

As the words "assembly today" echo through the halls on Tuesday, sighs and groans are emitted. Why?

Assembly programs need to have student appeal of they are to be effective. Although some programs of an informational nature are necessary, other programs need to be centered around the student and his interests. Two recent examples of programs holding wide appeal to students were the Opera Workshop presented by the University of Southern Mississippi, and the folk singing of the band director of Decatur High School. Although both of these were musicals, that is not the only type of program of interest and appeal to East Central students. Unfortunately many assembly programs have not had this student appeal. Some have been merely dull routine; others "Greek" to many students; and still others an obvious last minute choice.

Perhaps students need to be on the planning committee so that their viewpoints can be better expressed. Programs need to be planned and announced in advance. And there are many talented students on campus—let's use them.

For their part students need to be cooperative and appreciative of all types of programs. Sighs and groans need to give way to smiles.

This Little Piggy

There is a nursery rhyme that says, "This little piggy went to market, this little piggy stayed home." The rhyme does not say "This pig over here went to the Student Center" —yet, I'm sorry to say, our student center looks as if the entire pig family has taken permanent residences there.

While observing the condition of the center, I noticed several things that must be accepted rules. First of all, ice must have been made to be thrown, not to quietly melt in a cup. Second, cigarettes and cigarette ashes were made to be placed on the floor. Thirdly, the sole purpose of paper is to be torn into confetti size pieces and scattered all over the floor, tables, and chairs. I'm sure there is a purpose for these actions and someday Emily Post will print them in her book of etiquette.

We, as students, should take more pride in our school and our campus. If we don't take a feeling of pride in our school, we have no right to expect other people to show respect toward East Central. If a student has no feeling of pride at being a part of a certain school's student body, he has no business being enrolled in that school.

Are **you** proud of East Central?

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If you are reading this sentence, you must be the least bit curious. Curiosity is an element that is lacking among students on our campus. No one ever stops to ask why something is so. Many times students accept things as being so just because an instructor says that they are. All too often we take things for granted.

In the last few weeks, disaster has struck within our state. Much property, many personal belongings, and many lives have been lost in the recent tornadoes and the Laurel fire. These people did not imagine that disaster would strike them. They were taking life for granted. But within a matter of minutes Death and Destruction wrought havoc and heartbreak in their lives.

Have you stopped to think about these events—stopped and really thought about what all is involved? Have you fully realized that disasters like these could happen to you without notice? Do you, as do most people, take life for granted?

Life is precious. Live every moment of everyday as if it were your last moment on earth. Life is a never ending quest for knowledge. Let each new day challenge you to think—then to put into action the ideas that you have thought upon. Search always for new horizons. Be curious.

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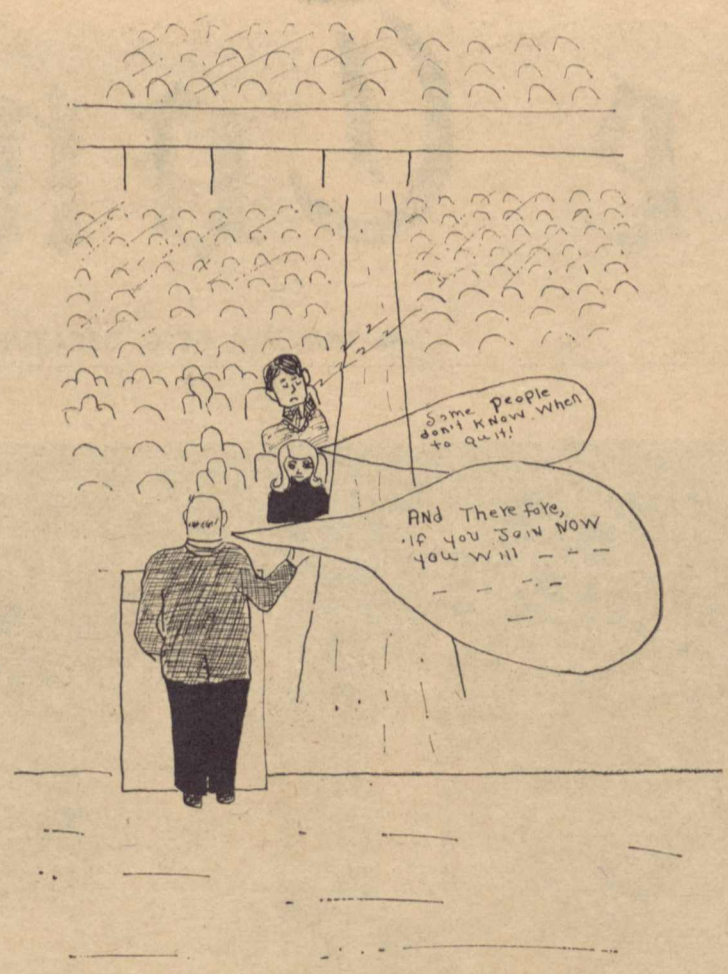

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CAMPUS CULTURE CORNER

By LINDA LATHEM

SOUL. What is it? According to Stanley Booth, it is a blend of folk rock and church music that has its spiritual home in Memphis where the Blues really began.

Beale Street in Memphis is known as the musical center of the Mississippi Delta Negroes. It has existed since the time of the Civil War. Out of Beale Street have come some of the greats in Soul music as Otis Redding and the BARKEYS were killed in a plane crash in Wisconsin not long ago. The last of the Beale Street Blues men is 76 year old Lewis Fury, whose style is the basis of many of the soul sounds of today. A few years ago, WALK RIGHT IN was a top hit in the United States. It was recorded by the ROOFTOP SINGERS, but its composer is a poor yard man, 84-year-old Gus Cannon. Cannon receives very small royalties on his songs, but that doesn't bother him. He just sits on his porch in Memphis and strums the old banjo.

Soul is replacing the psychedelic music of THE BEATLES and other groups of their kind. Soul is pouring out of Memphis. Memphis is fast becoming a threat to the traditional recording centers of New York, Los Angeles, and its age-old Tennessee rival, Nashville.

Who are the Soul singers? They are the old everyday farmer, the poor businessmen, the school dropout, the field hands, the shoeshine boys, and the guitar pickers that are nestled around Memphis. Memphis is rated as fourth in record production, but she is fast climbing the scale to greater things.

Soul is usually associated with the black man, but there are some whites who have the ability to produce Soul. Although Soul had an humble beginning in the cotton fields of the Delta lands, it has rapidly climbed to the top.

Soul music is spirit music. It conveys a feeling and a mood. It excites the emotions of the hearers and elicits a response from them. Soul releases the listener from a state of impassiveness to clapping his hands and shouting.

1920 was the year in which the first Blues record was cut in New York at Okeh Recording Company. The Memphis Jug Band, the Beale Street Sheiks, Lewis Fury, and Gus Cannon's Jug Stompers came to the front. Blues was on top until the Depression hit. Then Beale Street and THE BEALE STREET BLUES went out of business.

Muddy Waters, John Lee Hooker, and Howlin' Wolf received the Blues after the war. Since then Soul has grown-up and is making the number-one scene across the nation.

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Letter To The Editor

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Dear Sir:

I am a junior at the University of Houston and also one of several hundred thousand college students who hold an Airline Youth Fare Card.

I am writing you and many other college newspaper editors in the hope that fellow students may be alerted through the editorial column of their newspaper about the recent happenings concerning youth fares. Several days ago a Civil Aeronautics Board examiner ruled that "youth fares should be dropped." UNLESS THE BOARD DECIDES TO REVIEW THE DECISION, IT WILL AUTOMATICALLY BECOME EFFECTIVE IN 30 DAYS.

I don't think that many students know of this and I urge them to rise to protect their youth fares. Most of us have limited budgets and receive our spending money from part-time jobs. I URGE EVERY Student TO CONTACT THE Civil AERONAUTICS BOARD, 18 Connecticut Ave., N. W., Washington, S.C., 20009 and voice their protest against this unfair decision against youth fares. It is important that this be done within the next 30 days so that a new hearing will be set, otherwise the ruling will automatically become law.

I am told that Western Union has a new opinion telegram and for 90 cents, which can be charged to a student's telephone, a 15 word telegram could be sent from anywhere in the U. S. to your congressman, the President and Vice-President. If a student doesn't have time to write his opinion, I recommend that he call his nearest Western Union office and send the wire.

I hope that you will print the above letter in the editorial section of your paper, since I feel students should be informed of this injustice and that this issue is one that you are obligated to present to your readers.

Sincerely Yours
Stephanie Southgate

THROUGH THE LOOKING GLASS

by Alice of EC

East Central Warriors

One group on our campus that deserves recognition is the East Central Warrior basketball team. These boys have worked long and hard. They may not have won all the games they have played, but they have given their best. We are all proud of these boys and wish them the best of luck in the remaining games of the season.

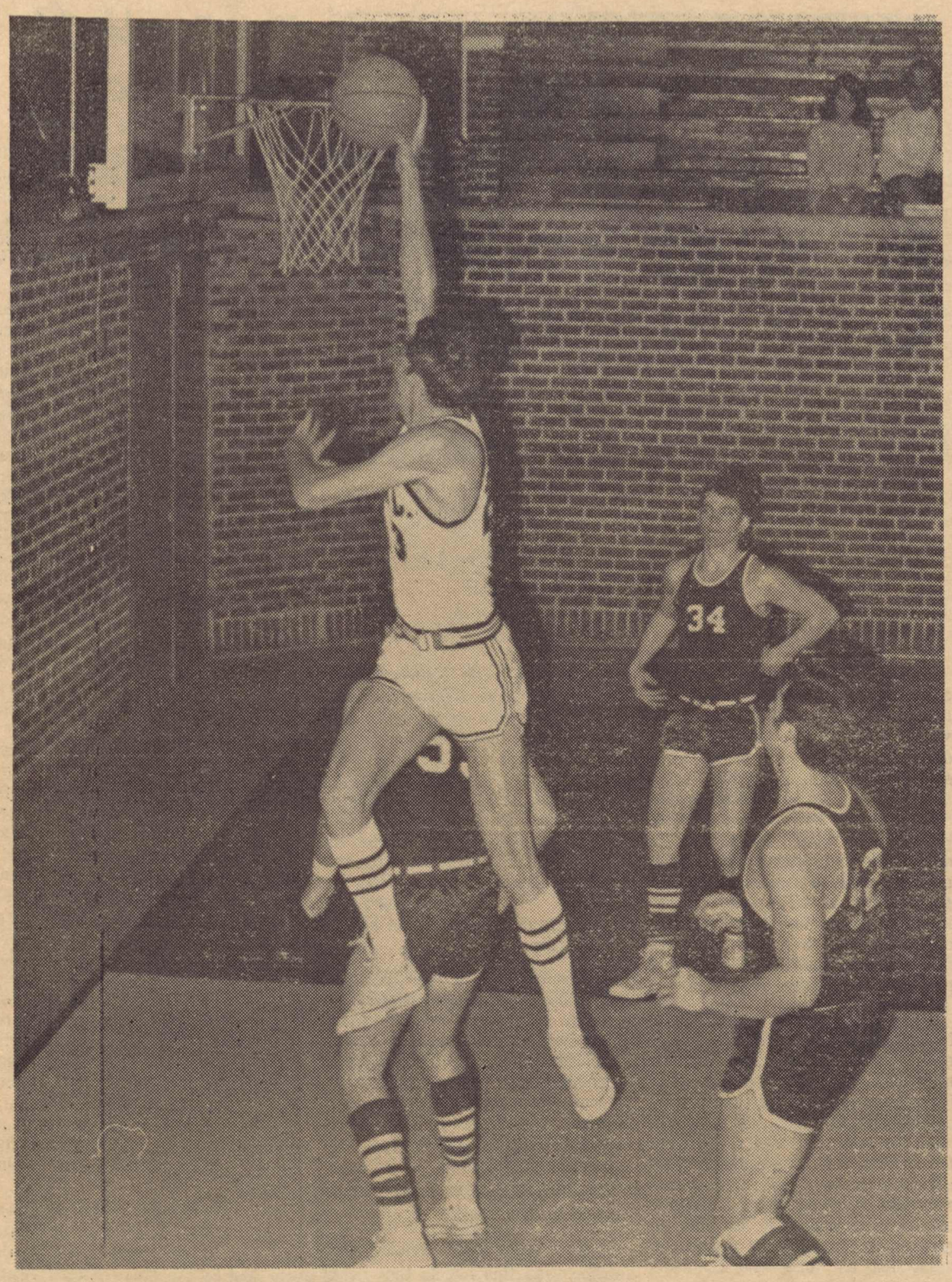
Rain, shine, warm, or cold. Take your pick. This seems to be the course one could take concerning the weather that has been occuring in the last few weeks. One never knows how to dress — one day wool skirts and sweaters may be in; the next day spring clothes. Mr. Glazer seems to enjoy the "spring" type weather. He can be observed sitting on a bench in front of the student center while the wind ripples through his hair. Others taking advantage of this nice weather are a group of students who gather below Newsome Hall in the afternoons to play softball.

Congratulations to the twenty-one students who were initiated as members of Phi Theta Kappa. The initiation ceremony presented in assembly was very beautiful and impressively performed. Congratulations are also due the five students who were formally invited in assembly to become a part of this organization.

CORRECTION

In the last edition of the **Tom-Tom**, the headline on the honor roll article should have read HONOR ROLL LISTS 160 STUDENTS FOR THE FIRST SEMESTER GRADING PERIOD.

"To err is human; to forgive, divine." L. L.



GLENN HITT (23) gets another EC basket in the Warrior-Miss. Delta game which EC won 78-63.

Rangers Win Wrangle With Warriors

The powerful Northwest Ranger team rolled over the ECJC Warriors for a 72-66 victory in the East Central gymnasium Thursday, Feb. 6. The Rangers used superior rebounding and good outside shooting to defeat the Warriors.

FIRST HALF

The Warriors looked as if they were going to be unbeatable as they jumped to a quick 11-4 lead in the opening five minutes of play. But Norwood of Northwest made three straight baskets to make the game only 12-10 for the Warriors.

Glen Hitt and Larry Gressett scored several baskets for the Warriors while Norwood and Lipford did the same for the Rangers. Midway through the first half the score stood tied, 16-16, as Northwest capitalized on a slump period that the Warriors were in. The game remained close for the next few minutes.

Gressett continued to get his share of baskets, but the Warriors began to slip as the aggressive Rangers moved ahead by four points 24-20.

The Warriors fought back to within one point, 25-26, before the Rangers took the lead for keeps as the half ended 34-27 for the Northwest team.

SECOND HALF

The Rangers took up where they left off as the second half began. Bien and Lipford led the Ranger attack as the Warriors tied to play catch up ball. With three minutes gone in the second half, the Rangers had increased their lead 42-30.

Robert Dorman and Sam Nowell made a basket each to bring the Warriors to within seven points, 42-49, with twelve minutes showing on the clock.

Bien and Bost of the Rangers kept the pressure on as the Rangers rolled on to a 57-44 lead with ten minutes to go.

Robert Dorman and Glenn Hitt kept the EC effort alive with several goals. With 2:03 remaining, Larry Gressett sank a 15 foot shot to pull the Warriors to within seven points of the Rangers, 65-58.

WARRIORS

No.	Name	FG	FT	PTS
14	Gressett	5	4	14
25	Boozer	1		2
12	Fulton	6	3	15
11	Nowell	3	2	8
23	Hitt	7	2	16
10	Dorman	2	3	7
15	Musgrove	1		2
20	Johnson	1		2
		26	14	66

RANGERS

No.	Name	FG	FT	PTS
35	Norwood	8	2	18
31	Bien	9	8	26
14	Bost	3		6
20	Stroupe		7	7
40	Lipford	4	3	11
21	Danridge		4	4
		24	24	72

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East Central Tops Miss. Delta 78-63

The East Central Warriors broke their losing streak Friday night, February 7, by pounding the Delta Trojans before a home audience. The Warriors had little trouble in handling the Deltans as the score plainly showed.

FIRST HALF

The half began with EC getting the tipoff as Robert Dorman raced downcourt for an easy lay-up shot. This could quickly sum up the opening minutes as Dorman scored again, and once more, as the Warriors jumped to a 9-4 lead.

Big Grady Boozer vacuum-sweeped the back boards as the Warriors increased their lead to 15-8 midway in the half behind the outside shooting of Dorman, Nowell, and Gressett. The mainstay for the Trojans was Briscoe, their big guard. With about six minutes left in the half, the scoring became spasmodic as the ball changed hands several times. Sam Nowell broke the slow pace with two-free throws as the Warriors climbed to a 28-16 lead with three minutes to go in the half. Glenn Hitt began to "hitt" the goal as he connected for six quick points before the home crowd as the half ended 37-21 for the Warriors.

SECOND HALF

The Warriors began the second half with the relentless pace that they had the first half.

Dorman and Hitt sacked several goals while Pearson for the Trojans kept the Deltans in the game. Midway through the half, Art Fulton made a goal to give the EC team a 55-39 lead.

Danny Musgrove put on a display of his driving style of play as he increased the Warriors lead to 62-47 with 6:49 left in the game.

Pearson connected from the outside to pull the Deltans to within ten points of the Warriors, but Larry Gressett and Robert Dorman had different ideas about the outcome as each "runned and gunned" to give the Warriors a 78-63 victory.

WARRIORS

No.	Name	FG	FT	PTS
14	Gressett	5	2	12
25	Boozer		1	1
12	Fulton	3	2	8
11	Nowell	3	5	11
23	Hitt	4	5	13
10	Dorman	9	9	27
15	Musgrove	3		6
		27	24	78

TROJANS

No.	Name	FG	FT	PTS
53	Campbell		1	1
52	Pearson	9	1	19
50	Nickles	2	3	7
35	Briscoe	5	6	16
34	McNeer	2	3	7
31	Murrell	2	4	8
22	Dalton	2	1	5
		22	19	63

Faculty Members Attend School

The students at East Central are not the only ones who are studying this semester. Several teachers are attending school full time, while others are going part time.

Teachers attending full time are Miss Lucille Wood, University of Southern Mississippi; Mr. Thomas R. Mayes, University of Mississippi; Mr. Shelby Harris, University of Southern Mississippi; and Mr. Brad Tucker, Mississippi State University.

Those attending part time are Mr. Richard Ethridge, Mississippi State University; Mr. Lavane Newell, Mississippi State University; Mr. Jim Lightsey, Mississippi State University; Coach Billy Baucum, University of Southern Mississippi; Dean Denver Brackeen, University of Mississippi; and Mr. M. P. Guthrie, Mississippi State University.

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LARRY GRESSETT (14) goes up for two points against Miss. Delta.

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East Central Coaches Give Of Time And Energy To Better Our School

by Patsy Nester

One of the important aspects of East Central Junior College is the emphasis placed on athletics. But what makes this interest so great? One reason is the excellent coaching staff at East Central. Although they are sometimes left behind the scene, Coaches Joe Clark, Ken Pouncey and Billy Baucum are always striving to develop good athletes and to expand East Central's athletic program.

Coaching East Central's outstanding basketball team is Joe Clark. Calmness and serenity characterize Coach Clark. Even in the most trying games and the most tense of situations, he keeps his "cool." Coach Clark graduated from Linwood High School where he was an active participant in basketball and baseball. He attended East Central Junior College during 1953-55 and was a member of the Warrior Basketball team. Coach Clark then attended college in Livingston, Alabama and later received a master's degree from Mississippi College.

Coach Clark is a family man who enjoys activities with his wife, the former Carolyn Johnson, and their two sons Stan, 9, and Chris 5.

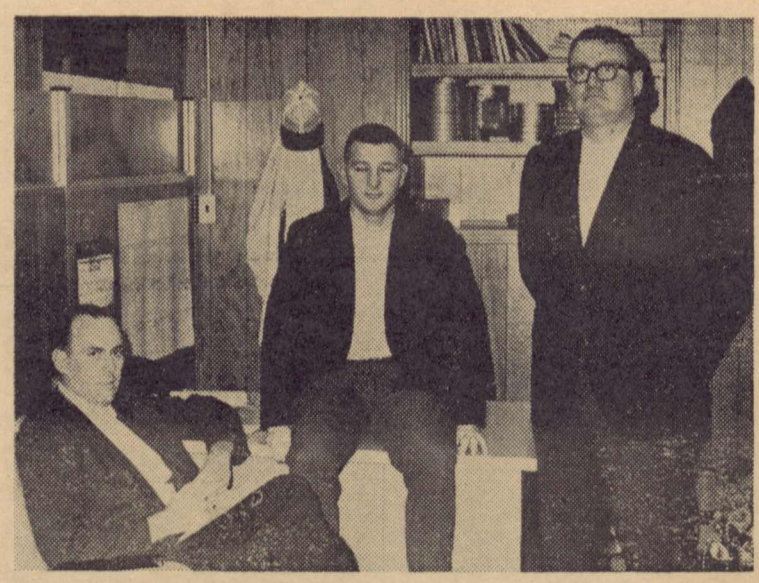
Head football coach, Ken Pouncey, is the delightful and smiling redheaded man one sees on campus. Coach Pouncey, a 1957 graduate of Enterprise High School, received the Billy Haywood Memorial Trophy. This trophy is presented to athletes of outstanding ability.

Coach Pouncey attended Jones Junior College where his friendly ways gained him the distinction of being named class favorite. Coach Pouncey was an active participant in football and baseball. While at the University of Southern Mississippi, he suffered an injury that caused him to give up football.

Coach Pouncey is very active in community affairs. He is a member of the Association of Coaches, MEA, Jaycees and Decatur Methodist Church. Coach Pouncey is married to the former Alice Moore and they have two daughters, Alicia, 2, and Amy, 7 months.

Assistant Coach Billy Baucum is the witty man with the crewcut. Coach Baucum, a graduate of Newton High School, was an active participant in all sports. Coach Baucum achieved the rating of All-Choctaw Conference halfback for three years. During his senior year, he was the leading scorer of the conference with a total of 116 points. Coach Baucum attended East Central where he attained the distinction of being named All-State and All-American football player. He was given the privilege of playing in the East-West game in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Coach Baucum was also the 1969 Mr. ECJC.

Coach Baucum takes an active interest in community affairs. He is married to the former Linda Barnes. The Bacums have two children, Wayne, 6, and Cheryl, 4.



EAST CENTRAL COACHES are Joe Clark, basketball; Billy Baucum, assistant football; and Ken Pouncey, head football coach.

(Photo by Logan Hill)

Can You Say That You Are?

The next time you call someone a good sport, sit down and re-read this article. An analization of the word "Sport" and certain words derived from it can bring some suprising results. According to a very good authority, **Webster's Seventh Edition New Collegiate Dictionary**, the word "Sportsman" is defined as. "A person who is fair and generous, a good loser and a graceful winner." The word "sportsmanship" is a noun defined as "conduct becoming to a sportsman (as fairness, courteous relations, and a graceful acceptance of results)."

The object of the sports fan is to support his team in all of their endeavors no matter what the game may be. There is nothing better for a team or a player than a good enthusiastic fan who will stay behind the team and cheer them on. But a fan who constantly heckles the opposing team, the referees, and everyone involved with the game can not be called a fan but an antagonist. Mr. Webster defines an antagonist as "one who confronts another actively expressing opposition, hostility, or antipathy."

No one is perfect. This is not a generalization but a fact. If we call ourselves humans we are expected to make mistakes, but one who labels himself as a bad sport has put his group of friends and his school in a bad light with anyone they should meet. He has labeled himself as one who is not able to take defeat, involve himself in enjoyable competition or even be a success in life. How would you feel if you were offering someone a job and while attending a ballgame found that this person exhibited t e r r i b l e sportsmanship? Wouldn't this put the doubt into your mind as to the reliability of that person as an employee? Ten years after the incident no one will probably ever remember why this person's character was labeled, but they will remember that there was something that turned them against that person.

To control the temper may be very difficult for some people, but it is a goal which millions would give their right arms to reach. Just remember, it doesn't take a very big person to be an antagonist, anybody can join that crowd, but it takes a real man to take defeat without flinching, to realize that although it hurts there will be times when the tables will be turned and he will be the winner.

It may seem to the reader after he has read this article that being a good sport is impossible, when everything seems to be going against you and you seem to be getting a "dirty" deal, but don't you think that if the players can play the game, take the penalties and use up their adrenalin without showing their anger and hostility, that you as a fan control yourself, while sitting in the stands, conduct yourselves as ladies and gentlemen and show everyone that you are truly a **good sport.**

The Battle Of The Co-eds

by Sandra Clark

On February 5, 1969, the ECJC roundball court was given the beating of its life when the Dirty Half Dozen (better known as Miss Barber's girls) met the Sherman Tanks (Alias Mrs. Young's Waifs) in spirited competition.

The line up for the Half-Dozen, coached by Samuel Merideth Nowell from heaven and Samuel 'sport's fan' Pace from Lake, charged out onto the court. They were: at forward, Marianne Mathews from the metropolis of Hillsboro; Brenda 'freethrow' Garvin from Louisville; and Mary Lou 'rebound' Chancellor, also from Louisville. The Tanks were guarded by Linda Hill, a 5'10" angel from Heaven; Peggy 'big mama' Tolbert from Edinburg; and Linda 'wild woman' Chandler from Louisville. Because of an impulsive urge the last member of the team Lorretta Comans, who is one of the team's strong women on the board, was unable to play, but she is sure to be with the Half-Dozen when they meet the Tanks again.

The Sherman Tanks, playing together in their first team effort, met the Half-Dozen with a tough line. They were coached by Robert 'heckle' Dorman of the 'Grove' and Gary 'jeckle' Gordan from Forest. At forward were Amelia 'bea' Kennedy of Louisville who blitzed through the H-D guards in a ripping effort. Her comrades were Geraldine 'dino' Wolfe of the mighty Lake Judy 'dead-eye' Boswell of Union; Patsy 'peach blossom' Nester of Lake; and Linda 'flash' Blount of Bay Springs. The defensive stalwarts included Jane 'stonewall' Long from Philadelphia; Sandra 'red baron' Van Etten from Scott Central; Glenda Hillman from Madden, a suburb of Walnut Grove; and Judy White, alias Wildcat star from Louisville.

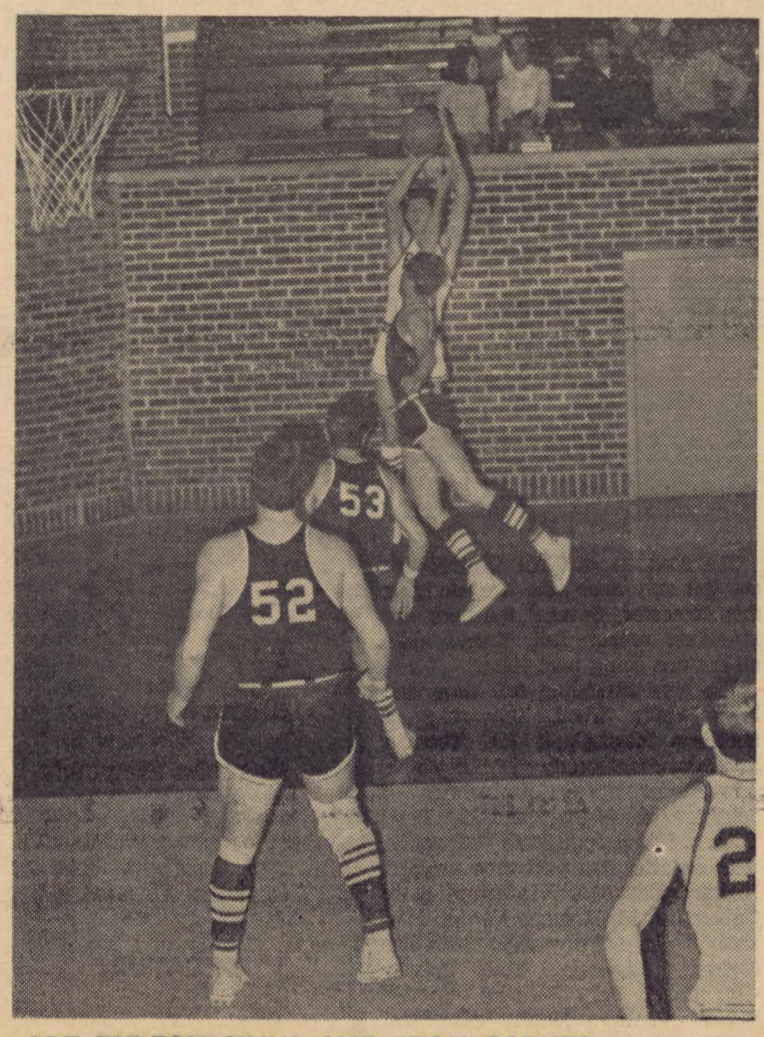
The confrontation was overseen by Bill Griffis, who made his debut as a roundball official. The clock was kept by the great 'Boozer' from Pulaski of the mighty EC Warriors. The official scorekeeper was Sandra Clark from the 'Grove.'

The game got underway with the 'Tanks' taking possession of the ball on the tip-off. The first half was dominated by the Dirty Half-Dozen with Mathews scoring ten points. The H. D.'s highlighted the first half with Garvin hooking one in from over the center line.

The Tanks scored twelve points in the first half of play, Kennedy with six, Wolf with four and Boswell with two.

The second half was filled with excitement as the Tanks scored twenty-two points and the Half-Dozen, thirty.

The final score was the Half-Dozen 58 and the Tanks 38. Mathews playing forward only two and one quarters, scored twenty four points, Garvin racked twenty-four, Chandler eight, and Chancellor two. For the Tanks — Kennedy had twenty-four, Boswell six, Wolf six, and Nester two.



ART FULTON SINKS ONE FROM CORNER against invading Trojans in a recent game.

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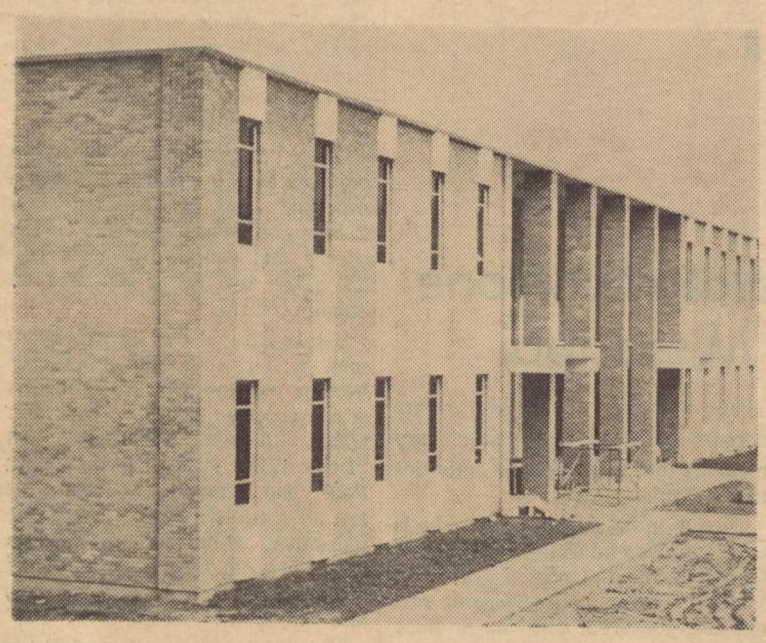
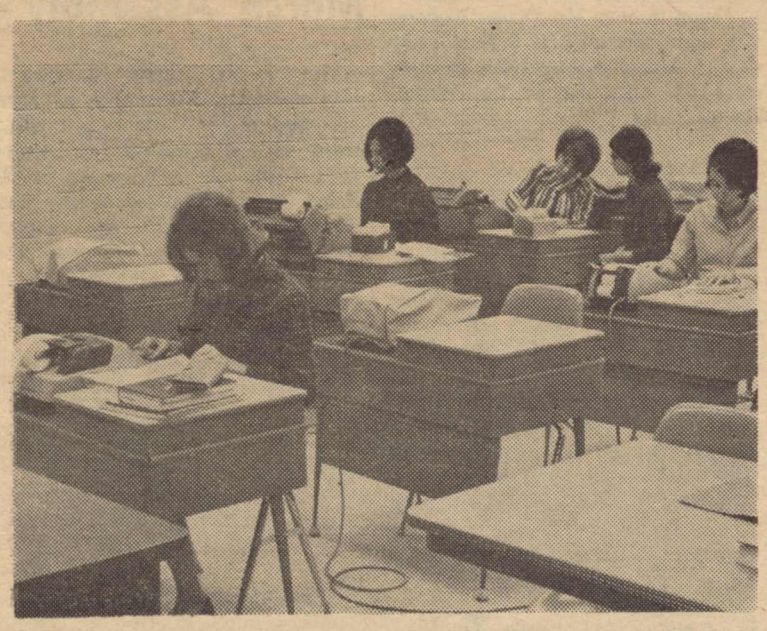


THE VOCATIONAL-TECHNOLOGY BUILDING was recently opened for use by the business and drafting departments. Other departments will move into the structure in the near future.



SECRETARIAL SCIENCE students are enjoying the spacious, pleasant atmosphere and modern equipment of their department.

DRAFTING students have all the facilities needed for their work including excellent lighting.

Vocational - Technical, Agriculture Buildings Completed, Open For Use

Faculty And Students Express Opinions

by Linda Lathem

What began as ideas in men's minds have become realities with the completion of the vocational-technology building and the agriculture technology building. The vocational building, located on the old football field, has been partially opened for use at this time. Both floors of the front wing are being used. The first floor houses the offices of the vocational-coordinator, the vocational advisor, and their secretary. This suite of offices is carpeted. The offices of the drafting instructors and the drafting department are on this floor. There are also storage areas for the drafting department. The business department and the business instructors' offices are located on the second floor of this building. Both departments have made quite a change from the old building. The rear portion of the building is still under construction. The equipment is still being installed but this portion should, in the near future, be open for use by students. It will house shops — electricity, radio - T. V. repair, refrigeration, welding, and machine shop. The agriculture building, located near the present football field, is equipped for all the essential operations that are involved in agriculture technology. Although the building is not completed, the department has moved in. The building contains two offices, classrooms, and facilities for soil testing, dairying, and farm mechanics. Adequate lighting, ample storage room, pleasant surroundings, and good equipment are major improvements that have occurred with the move into the new buildings.

When asked what he thought of the new building, Raymond McMullan, vocational counselor, gave the following comments: "Tremendously fine building — not only does it add improvement as far as the looks of the campus are concerned, but it should, through the programs it will house, be an added incentive for students to further their training in programs that will be of value to them."

Pace Guthrie, instructor in the drafting department, has this to say: "Nice. It's so new you have to watch the wet paint. The classrooms are nice and there's plenty of storage area. The lighting is very good and certainly an improvement over the old building. There's ample office space. I have no complaints concerning it. It will definitely help the students because it is cleaner, has a controlled atmosphere, and pleasant surroundings. Now that the department is located where people can see it, maybe it will attract some girls to the programs. Drafing is a good opportunity for them."

The move to the new building has been a tremendous change for the boys in the drafting department. They now have the equipment and working area that are essential for doing successful work.

Connie Burks, a secretarial student, had this to say concerning the new business department: "I like it very much. It has a business-like atmosphere."

Mrs. Jessie Everett, an instructor in the commercial department, commented this way concerning the new business department: "Very nice. We have more space here. Our classes have more and better facilities to use."

Bedelia Stokes and Janice Steed, both secretarial students, expressed the fact that the building is much more conducive to study than was the old building. Its atmosphere and its surroundings are pleasanter.

Bruce Peterson, speech instructor commented on the building although he has no classes in it: "Very nice, The second floor has an atmosphere that assimulates a business college. The offices on the first floor represent the offices of Perry Mason and Judd for the Defense. The reception room is straight out of Ben Casey."

Mrs. Alyne Simmons, English instructor, gave this summation: "It's a composite of the Pentagon, Howard Johnson's, and the Holiday Inn."

Many others gave comments concerning the vocational - technology building but these answers give an overall picture of how faculty and students feel about the progress East Central is making. The building is not only a welcome addition to the campus but will act as a source of encouragement to students to enroll in the programs that are housed in it.

Agriculture - Technology Building

Another recently opened addition to the East Central campus is the new agriculture-technology building which is located near the present football field. The agriculture students now have the room and facilities that were lacking in the previous situation.

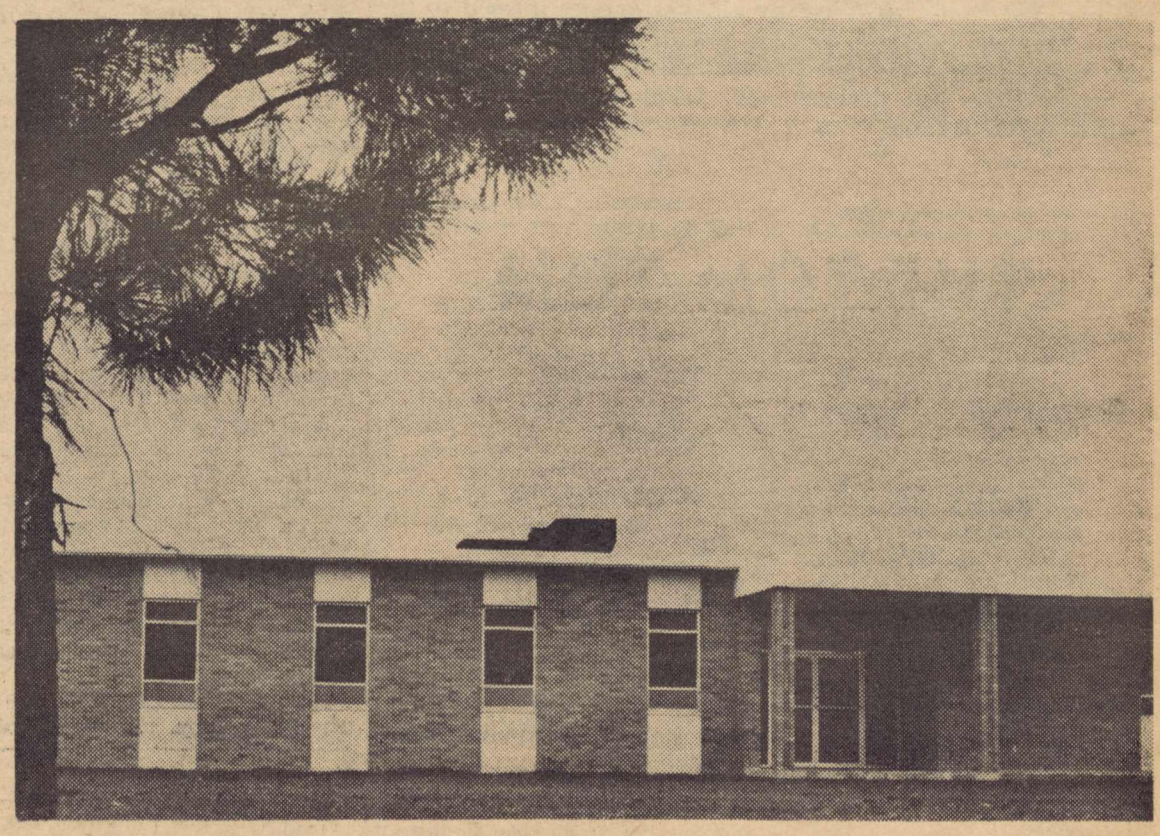
When asked to give comments concerning the new agriculture building, Percy Corder, agriculture instructor had this to say: "On February 17, we moved into the new agriculture-technology building located on the north side of the school campus. The 17,000 square foot building includes three classrooms, three offices, two farm mechanics shops, and laboratories for soils and dairy. Plans are now underway for purchasing equipment for these labs. With the new facilities we definitely have something to offer any young man who is interested in either the technical or regular agricultural course."

Larry Bradford, an agriculture student, had this to say: "It is a real nice building but it is too far to walk."

Lynn Copeland. "It is ok except that the bells aren't working."

Even though there are a few inconveniences to the new building it includes facilities that were lacking in the old building. It is hoped that through these new facilities more students will be encouraged to enroll in the agriculture-technology program.

East Central is constantly making progress in educational facilities. Through these better facilities, more students will be drawn toward vocational programs.



THE AGRICULTURE TECHNOLOGY BUILDING is designed to accommodate the present courses in agriculture as well as additional courses to be offered.

-EDITORIALS-

It's A Do-Nothing World

"Be unconscious, be detached, don't get involved." That is what Robert Maynard Hutchins has to say in his new book ZUKERKANDL! This seems to be the motto of many people in our world today. Why get involved when one can sit on the sidelines and watch? Our nation today is suffering from the same disease that many nations of ancient times suffered from. That disease is complacency. People today are comfort-seeking people whose worlds revolve around seeking a comfortable living, going home to a comfortable chair, eating a bountiful meal, watching T. V., and getting a comfortable night's rest. All this is culminated in dying a comfortable death, being buried in a comfortable grave, and getting to Heaven in a comfortable manner. It is not what our nation is doing but what it is not doing. This all comes home to our own campus. East Central students belong to this do-nothing world. They are content with life as it is. They are stagnated and will die at their own hands.

Mr. Hutchins in his book says that "in accordance with the principle of conservation of energy, we should do as few acts, have a few commitments, make and receive as few communications, have as few contacts as possible." These are the guidelines to a successful do-nothing life. If these rules are followed, then life can be faced as Mark Twain recommended, "with the serene confidence that a Christian feels in four aces and with the composure of the man who said to his wife, 'If one of us dies, I shall move to Paris.' "

In this do-nothing world complacency reigns. A handful of people run the world. A handful of students run the clubs and organizations on campus. Why? Because the rest are satisfied with things as they are. Ideas are stifled and die before they leave men's minds because complacency is easier than speaking up. Society doesn't want to get its hands dirty.

Complacency is destroying our world. Wake up before it is too late. Wake up and combat do-nothingness before it destroys all that we stand for. Turn this do-nothing world into a do-something world.

L. L.

Look Before Speaking

There is an old adage that in essence says that he who criticizes another's job must be prepared to fill the criticized one's position. Criticism can be good if it is constructive. It must show one his mistakes, then suggest alternatives for the weaknesses. Destructive criticism merely cuts a person down and leaves him nowhere to go.

To effectively criticize one must know all the facts involved in the situation. One must go beyond the surface of the matter down deep into the roots of it. Sometimes the first impression can be wrong. Things may not be just as they seem. Beauty often lies beneath a grotesque mask and must be sought to be seen. The reverse is also true, ugliness may be veiled by beauty. So opinions can not be formed on the basis of appearance only, for what seems good may in reality be bad, and what seems bad may be good. Before attacking a person or situation be sure to gather all the facts, to look at the facts objectively and at all angles. Surprises are in store if one looks before he leaps.

Criticism serves a good cause if it is used in the right manner. But it can also destroy all that one is, if used in the wrong manner. Before criticizing something or someone make sure that all the facts are known, and that the plan offered is better than the present one. Look before SPEAKING. THINK before acting.

L. L.

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Missionary To Fierce Montilone Indians To Visit Mississippi

Bruce Olson, daring young missionary of the Montilone Indians in South America, will be in the Methodist Conference soon.

Just six years ago one of the most amazing stories of the 20th century was being inacted by this young American youth. At the age of 19, this young college student heard the call of God to share his faith in Jesus Christ with fierce stone-age Indians in the jungles of Colombia and Venezuela.

No white man had come in contact with the fierce Montilone tribe of Indians and lived to leave their territory. Yet, Bruce Olson set his face toward the fiercest of all known tribes in South America to tell them about his Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

He lived through the sting of arrows, amoebic dysentery, and hepatitis. He ate live worms, crickets, and raw frogs. His handling of the witch doctors during a "pin-eye" epidemic, and friendliness with the chiefs, comprise the most thrilling account of modern day missionary methods that read like the activities of St. Paul.

Though in his early twenties, he is a personal friend of the President of Colombia and the past president of Venezuela, with both countries recognizing the great work he is doing with the Montilones. Learned journals in Germany and Sweden have carried his articles on the medical treatment of jungle diseases.

He is a member of The First United Methodist Church of San Augustine, Texas. Bobby, the first convert of this Indian Tribe, was baptized and received into The Methodist Church at the altar of the same church.

A bus will go from East Central ot Union to hear Mr. Olson, Wednesday night, March 5 at 6:30. All students wishing to attend this meeting may sign the list in the Wesley Room.

Love—The Ageless Phenomenon

(ACP)—The modern generation claims to hold a monopoly on that super-groovy commodity called love, says Suzy Carter in the UCLA Daily Bruin.

Love is immortalized in love-ins, on posters and buttons, and in the attitudes of the younger generation. It's what we are supposed to make instead of war. It's groovy. But we of the in-generation cannot take out a patent on love.

Back in the days of old, when knights were bold, they were bold because they were in love. They killed dragons and even each other to win the affections of the beautiful maiden.

What were the simple joys of maidenhood? In the days of Camelot, it had a lot to do with love. To observe her handsome knight battle to his death over her was one of the simple pleasantries of a maiden's life.

The passage of time brought new love generations. One of the colonial ringleaders of the love bag was Hester Prynne, who wore a scarlet letter to prove she wasn't ashamed of being in love. New England ladies cursed and muttered under their breaths and finally went back to their samplers.

Actually, the greatest love generation of them all was the supersquare generation of our parents. It was the generation that produced Sinatra and Crosby and practically invented candlelight, mood music, sherry, and the moon.

It was the generation of the love movies, when the handsome flier always came home from the war. It was when popular music had a one-track mind. People were singing "Falling in love with love," "If I loved you," and "People will say we're in love."

Those days ushered in the era of the bobbysoxers. It was Elvis, urging his fans to "Love me tender." It was rock and roll to the moan of "I'm in love, I'm all shook up." It was the era of dancing cheek-to-cheek subtly.

Love is groovy. But love is a part of history. The day George Washington chopped down the cherry tree, he was trying to impress a girl.

"Father," he said. "I cannot tell a lie. I'm hung." And love was launched in the promised land.

Montgomery Talks To Students Over Telephone Hook-Up

Congressman G. V. "Sonny" Montgomery put modern technology to use Thursday when he participated in an exchange of ideas with a group of East Central Junior College students. The Congressman was talking from his desk in Washington, D. C. — the students from the ECJC campus in Decatur.

The exchange was made possible though the facilities of South Central Bell Telephone. Time for the talk was Thursday, February 27 at 3:30 p.m. Location was the Dean of Students Office on campus.

The purpose of Montgomery's call was to talk with members of his ECJC Advisory Council, a group of campus leaders selected to advise him on the political interests, aspirations and views held by Mississippi's young people.

South Central provided a loudspeaker hookup at the campus site so that the Congressman could be heard by all present. On the student end of the conversation, a microphone with an extra long cord was passed throughout the meeting place to any students desiring to ask questions or make comments.

Members of Montgomery's ECJC Advisory Council are Sam Bounds, Diane Herring, Ted Marshall, Garry Gordon, Rachel Barrett, Brenda Kinton, Sam Nowell, Marilyn Anderson, Judy Carol Parker, Bill Lundy, Wade Bennett Fulcher, Lynn Lofton Anthony, Janice Steed and Barry Irons.

The ECJC tele-conference was the second in a series the Congressman has planned this year with students of five Fourth District junior college campuses. Earlier last week he talked with East Mississippi Junior College students. Later talks will be conducted with students at Clarke, Holmes and Meridian junior colleges.

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CAMPUS CULTURE CORNER

By LINDA LATHEM

Folk music has been handed down from generation to generation. It is about things of everyday life and has had a rebirth in recent years. This type music sets the style of rock'n roll groups. Both country music lovers and popular groups are of this type. Most pop music is a rewritten version of folk music.

Glenn Campbell is rapidly becoming one of the greatest singers of America. Most of his songs strike a happy medium between contemporary and country music. He got his start by doing back-up for Bobbie Gentry.

Bob Dylan is one of the best known song writers for folk groups. He became popular with the publication of such songs as "Mr. Tamborine Man", "It Ain't Me Babe", and "Don't Think Twice". Dylan; Peter, Paul, and Mary; and Pete Seger are all members of the new protest movement. Other folk groups are: New Christian Instruments, Mama's and Papa's, The Kids Next Door, and The Lime-Liters.

Young people enjoy folk-type music because it is a means of self-expression. It is an outlet of one's own experiences, and it's becoming very popular on college campuses.

One-Act Play To Be Presented In March Assembly

Theatre Arts, under the instruction of Bruce Peterson, is a course designed to give students a practical study of the essentials of theatre. As a requirement that must be fulfilled the class must select, cast, direct, and present a one-act play. This semester the class selected SANDBOX to be presented in assembly, March 4, 1969.

Directors for this play will be Babs Cain and Charley Blount. The cast, selected by members of the class, are as follows:

Mommy will be played by Sandra Clark. Sandra has had roles in THE CURIOUS SAVAGE, NIGHT OF JANUARY SIXTEENTH, and OUR TOWN. She also directed the Theatre Arts' one-act last year.

Lee Clarke will play Daddy. Lee appeared in OUR TOWN last semester.

Grandma will be played by Diane Herring. Diane appeared in NIGHT OF JANUARY SIXTEENTH and OUR TOWN.

The young man will be played by Bill Griffis. Bill is a freshman from South Chunky.

Mike Hatch will be the clarinetist. This will be Mike's first appearance on the East Central stage.

Other members of the class will work on costuming, make-up, lighting, staging, and publicity.

SANDBOX is a play that has a significant and thought-provoking meaning; yet it has its humorous aspects as well.

LITTLE-KNOWN FACTS FROM READER'S DIGEST

Children's books by the late Thornton W. Burgess, recounting the adventures of Peter Rabbit, Reddy Fox and other animals, have sold 8,500,000 copies in the United States alone, says the October Reader's Digest. The Massachusetts Audubon Society is raising funds to convert Burgess' farm at Hampden, Mass. into a wildlife sanctuary and nature-study center.

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England has about 13,000 betting shops, reports the October Reader's Digest. They have been legal since 1961 and last year more than $3 billion was spent in gambling on football, greyhounds and the track.

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New York's depression — born Rockefeller Center has been profitable since the early '40's and is now 110 per cent rented, meaning tenants are waiting, says the October Reader's Digest. Some of the Center's features have been adopted by projects in Boston, Dallas, Pittsburgh, Hartford, Philadelphia and elsewhere.

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Termites cause about $350 million damage a year, says the October Reader's Digest, but can be controlled by chemicals. Termites are found wherever the mean average temperature is above 45 degrees. The farther south, the more prevalent they are.

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Some 400,000 persons watch the annual 24-hour Le Mans Grand Prix automobile race in France, notes the October Reader's Digest. In recent years it has been a battle of Ferraris and American Fords, the former winning in 1964 and 1965 and the latter in 1966 and 1967.

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London's police, headquartered in famous Scotland Yard, are not under the jurisdiction of the municipal authorities, says the October Reader's Digest, but derive authority from the Home Office, a department of the national government.

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The late Albert Einstein, world famous as a scientist, was an accomplished amateur musician, says the January Reader's Digest. In Princeton, N. J., he often played the violin while one of his fellow researches at the Institute for Advanced Study played the piano. He believed Mozart the greatest composer of all.

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Hijacking trucks is a bigger field of crime than bank robbery in the United States. According to the January Reader's Digest, $120 million in merchandise was taken in the stealing of 10,000 trucks in 1966 while 1,000 bank robberies involved only about five million dollars.

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The new 32-ton Poseidon missile for launching from submarines, says the January Reader's Digest, will be twice as heavy as the present Polaris, and will carry twice the payload with twice the accuracy and eight times the effectiveness (against hardened targets).

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Nearly 500 jewels have been cut from a 33-pound dark-blue aquamarine crystal found in Brazil, notes the January Reader's Digest. Seven magnificent gems totaling 123 carats were cut from it for a Middle Eastern monarch.

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Activities of the Moral Re-Armament movement have increased four-fold since 1964, reports the January Reader's Digest. It has converted a former conference center on Mackinac Island, Michigan, into Mackinac College, a four-year liberal-arts institution.

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CAFETERIA MANAGER Leonard Lee puts his twenty-five years experience to good use as he plans menus for East Central students.

Cafeteria Manager Has 25 Years Experience In Food Service

"There's no limit to what you can accomplish if you don't care who gets the credit" is the motto that hangs in the office of Leonard Lee, manager of Slater Food Service. Mr. Lee became involved in food service quite by accident. He entered the Navy as a hospital corpsman in the dental field, but there was no need for dental corpsman in the branch he was assigned to so be became a cook. This occurred in 1944 in the Philippine Islands.

Mr. Lee has had much experience in the field of food service, having graduated from Food Handling and Sanitation School, Great Lakes, Illinois, 1950; completed Advance Culinary School and Mass Feeding Management, Newport, Rhode Island, 1955; Instructor Training School, Norfolk, Virginia. Mr. Lee, a native of Birmingham, Alabama, has been in food service for 25 years. He was an instructor on a field food service team from 1959 to 1962, from 1962 to 1964 he worked at Food Science and Engineering, Bayonne, New Jersey, as project coordinator and division officer. Mr. Lee has been at East Central since December, 1965.

Mr. Lee relates that one of the most upsetting events in his career occurred in 1944 in the Philippines. He was put on shore with the landing force, when they returned the ship was gone and they were forced to "join" the army for several days.

Perhaps one of the most revolting incidents occurred in 1949 when he was assigned to manage his first food facility 30 miles from San Juan, Puerto Rico at Camp Tortugero. The facilities were deplorable. There was a coal burning stove but no coal. They were forced to scavenger for wood to cook with for two weeks.

"Times have changed since 1949," Mr. Lee admits. "East Central is a wonderful place. We have modern equipment and good employees. The students are the nicest group of youngsters I've had the pleasure of serving. I appreciate their keeping the cafeteria clean and taking care of the facilities. My office door is always open to students. I want them to always feel free to come in to talk with me or to offer suggestions."

When Mr. Lee can find the time, he enjoys fishing and hunting. He also spends time with his family, which includes his wife Elizabeth and children, Brenda, 18; Gloria, 17; Mike, 10; and Gary, 6. Mr. Lee and his family would like to express to the students their appreciation for the cards and flowers that Mrs. Lee received during her recent illness. Mr. Lee said, I appreciate this sincerity of expression by the students."

Educational TV To Be Available For Home Viewing

If you've been wondering if you will be able to receive the educational television programs on your home television set, the answer is a qualified "yes."

There are a number of reasons for this qualification.

First, the full statewide network will not be operable immediately. Plans call for a network of eight satellite stations which will provide a signal to all Mississippi communities. The location of these stations are Channel 29 in Jackson, Channel 2 in Starkville, Channel 18 in Wheeler, Channel 22 in Tallahatchie, Channel 23 in Sunflower, Channel 14 in Chunky, Channel 17 in Bude, and Channel 19 in McHenry.

The first station to be activated will be in Jackson which will provide ETV coverage to the counties of Claiborne, Copiah, Covington, Franklin, Hinds, Issaquena, Jefferson, Jefferson Davis, Lawrence, Lincoln, Madison, Rankin, Scott, Sharkey, Simpson, Smith, Warren, and Yazoo.

These counties will be able to receive ETV as soon as the network beings operating, hopefully in January, 1970.

The second station to be activated in the network will be in Starkville. If State funds are appropriated during a special legislative session, this station could begin broadcasting during the late summer of 1970. When operable, Channel 2 will provide a signal to the counties of Attala, Calhoun, Carroll, Chickasaw, Choctaw, Clay, Grenada, Itawamba, Kemper, Lafayette, Leake, Lee, Lowndes, Monroe, Montgomery, Neshoba, Pontotoc, Webster, and Yalobusha.

Cable systems would, of course, be able to bring ETV into other communities outside these normal broadcast areas.

Persons with sets manufactured prior to 1964 can have a television repairman install a converter kit.

A small publication entitled "Questions and Answers about ETV" has been prepared and is available by writing the Mississippi Authority for Educational Television, Post Office Drawer 2470, Jackson, Mississippi.

THE STEERING COMMITTEE FOR MAY DAY includes (l to r) Ovid Vickers, Mrs. Allyne Simmons, Mrs. Ruth Hull, Mrs. Kay Smith, and Mrs. Jessie Everett.

DELEGATES from East Central to the SEA Convention to be held in Jackson March 13-14 include (l to r) Linda Lathem, Kathy Kennedy, Glenda McMullan, and Sandy Smith.

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THE WARRIOR BASKETBALL TEAM includes the following players: (first row, l to r) Bill Griffis, Art Fulton, Keith Madison, Glenn Hitt, Gary Gordon, and second row, l to r) Danny Musgrove, Larry Gressett, Sammy Pace, Grady Boober, Robert Dorman, Kenny McCrory, and Ben Johnson. Not pictured, Sam Nowell.

EC Basketballers Close Season With 17-9 Record

by David Rives

So ends all good things! And good is the word to describe the 1969 Warrior basketball team. It was not the greatest team EC has had, but the team made a very impressionable 17-9 record against some stiff competition. Nobody, with one or two exceptions, had a bad team this year, especially in the North Half.

North Half Tourney

The Warriors lost out on their chance to take it all by losing 88-67 to a hot Holmes team in the first round of action on Monday, February 18. The Warriors had beaten the Holmes team three times in regular season action before dropping this one in the tournament. The first with an 81-66 shellacking in the Northwest Tournament. The second game, played at Decatur, was a rerun with EC taking that one 80-66. The third regular season game was a much closer 73-68 game won by the Warriors at Holmes.

But fate was against the Warriors as they missed 15 of 16 floor shots in the opening minutes of play in the last game with Holmes in the tourney. The vast lead by Holmes was too much for the Warriors to overcome as they lost 88-67.

Itawamba won the North Half with a 55-50 win over Northeast in the title game. Itawamba has been real tough lately and is picked by many to win the state crown. To do this they have to beat unbeaten Perk, who is t-o-u-g-h. These Perk boys must eat nails for breakfast and wash it down with gunpowder. Anyway, it will be a battle.

Recap Of Season

The Warriors took third place in the North Half as far as games won is concerned. To do this, the boys had to beat some good teams. And they did — when they were hot, nobody was better than they.

The boys worked hard and won just about all the close ones. The ones that they did lose though, were mostly not so close.

As far as the team is concerned, it was a fine piece of machinery most of the time. It functioned smoothly as a unit. No one individual stood a head and shoulders above the others. It is true certain games showed up one player as such, but, it was always an assortment. One game Nowell was hot, the next night Fulton or Dorman tore the bottom out of the nets, and then, perhaps it was Gressett or Hitt. Usually some one had a hot hand. But, if not, the Warriors lost.

The one thing that made the team as good as it was, was the depth. Talking with Coach Clark, I came to realize that this depth had much effect on the team. Coach must have been very aware of his tremendous ability sitting on the bench. Several games saw one or two, or even at times as many as four substitutes go into a game, trailing by a few points, and then completely turn the game in favor of EC. Coach Clark remarked, "Our bench power certainly was a big factor in our success. It was the reserve power that kept us in the close ones!"

Describing the playing of the team could best be said on one short sentence: EC depended on its outside shooting. It was purely and simply a matter of whether or not EC was hot from the outside. If EC was "on" no one ever saw any finer shooting.

Nowell Makes All State
Gressett Gets Honorable Mention

Our hat is off to Sam Nowell and Larry Gressett. Sam made the All-State list. He deserves it. Sam was the ball handler of the team. He was the fine'se behind the machine. He made things click. When one considers that only five men from each half are chosen he realizes what a great honor this is. Congratulations, Sam.

Larry Gressett, better known as "Twig," made the Honorable Mention list. Larry is a fine player and turned many losing efforts into victories for EC. Congratulations, also Larry.

Congratulations to the entire team. You're a great bunch of players and a great bunch of guys. Too bad, all of you couldn't make the All-State list. You all deserve it.

Next Season

This year's team was comprised of mostly sophomores. Nowell, Gressett, Boozer, Fulton, and Dorman are all sophs. Only five players are freshmen — Hitt, Gordon, Tucker, Madison, and Griffis.

Hitt was the only freshman that played regularly. He made quite an impression on many people — especially his opponents. Glenn is quite aggressive on court, mostly, of course. Nobody pushes him around for long.

The other freshmen did not play a great deal, but the times that they did play, showed that they were very capable. Gordon, Tucker and Madison are all quick and flashy. With some added talent from this year's high school seniors in the area, EC is again looking forward to a good year in '70.

In expression for their kind assistance, I would like to thank Coach Clark and the team for all the help they rendered. Below is a list of averages that may be of interest to all you statisticians, compliments of Coach Clark.

	Pts.	Games	Av.	FTA	Made	Pct.	Hi Time in Games	Dbl.
Gressett	386	26	14.8	95	70	74%	31	18
Dorman	335	26	12.9	102	79	77%	28	18
Nowell	343	26	13.2	134	105	78%	26	16
Fulton	320	24	13.3	38	26	68%	28	16
Musgrove	183	23	8.0	33	21	64%	27	9
Hitt	177	20	8.9	33	23	70%	19	9
Boozer	120	24	5.0	39	20	51%	11	3

TEAM STATISTICS

EAST CENTRAL		Opp.	
2087	80.3	2017	77.6
EAST CENTRAL			
557	399	71.6%	
Won 17 — Lost 9			

Warriors Win Scoring Melee With Co-Lin

There's a rumor going around that the nets of the goals are going to have to be replaced. With so many baskets that passed through them in the Co-Lin-EC game, it is no small wonder.

The final score was 122-97 in one of the highest scoring games this year.

First Half

The Co-Lin team jumped to a sudden 6-2 lead before the Warriors awoke and slashed for five points contributed by Fulton and Nowell. But the Warriors fell behind once again 7-12 with about four minutes gone in the game. Art Fulton scored six of the next eight EC points to make a much tighter game at 17-16. Larry Gressett also came into his own and scored three baskets in the next couple of minutes, but the Warriors still lagged behind 27-30 with eight minutes left in the half. Laney Smith and Gayden Smith for Co-Lin literally filled the air with basketballs as the Warriors stumbled along spasmodically. Glenn Hitt, the 6'5" center of EC, began to erode the Co-Lin lead with his brilliant outside-inside shooting and timely rebounding and when the guns sounded the score stood 54-49 for Co-Lin as the half ended.

Second Half

Danny Musgrove and Glenn Hitt, along with Robert Dorman and Larry Gressett, slowly and smoothly overtook Co-Lin in the opening three minutes of play. Dorman sent the Warriors ahead 63-62 on a lay-up shot and the Warriors exploded. Musgrove drove, and drove, and drove as the Co-Lin team seemed unable to stop him. Robert Dorman and Glenn Hitt began to get the outside shooting to going. With 8:30 left in the game, the Warriors found themselves in a commanding 84-73 lead. With 5:06 left, the score stood 100-85 for the Warriors.

Ben Johnson, Larry Gressett, and Danny McCrory ended the scoring parade as the Warriors won 122-97 in a game that was filled with scoring, and scoring, and scoring....

EAST CENTRAL

No.	NAME	FG.	FT.	Pts.
14	Gressett	9	4	22
23	Hitt	9	1	19
12	Fulton	5	2	12
11	Nowell	2	2	6
10	Dorman	9	10	28
15	Musgrove	12	3	27
20	Johnson	1	4	6
24	McCrory	1		2
		48	26	122

No.	NAME	FG.	FT.	Pts.

CO-LIN

No.	NAME	FG.	FT.	Pts.
21	Terrel	5	6	16
23	Trout	3	2	8
22	Delaney		4	4
3	Hammill	6	6	18
33	Greel		1	1
13	Smith, G.	7	6	20
20	Modlock	4	5	13
10	Smith, L.	5		10
15	Smith, R.	1	5	7
		31	35	97

EC Baseball To Get Underway

by David Rives

Well, spring is about to be spring, and that means that the familiar "play ball" will be customarily yelled again and again as the old horsehide gets whacked around one more season.

The East Central baseball team will again be under the direction of Coach Billy Baucum. Last year, the team brought home a very good 7-3 record. In doing this, our boys beat Perkinston, who was not beaten by anyone else in the league. Perkinston beat EC 9-8 the first game in a real battle, and later in the season were beaten by the Warriors 8-7 in another tight game.

The team this year will have only five returning lettermen from last year's team. The five are: Mack Brashier of Decatur, left field; Jack Skinner of Philadelphia, catcher; Joe Lynn Roberts of Forest, center field; and Kenneth York of Philadelphia, pitcher.

There are fifteen other players, mostly freshmen, who are going to report for spring training. They are: T. J. Jennings of Louisville, pitcher; Charles Henry of Philadelphia, right field; Robert Dorman of Walnut Grove, short stop; Bobby Phillips of Walnut Grove, pitcher and outfielder; Gerald Russell of Union, pitcher; R. T. Purvis of Newton, first base; Glenn Dennis of Newton, second base; Raymond Boutwell of Newton, catcher; Tommy Brown of Morton, first base; Bill Griffis of Chunky, left field; Jimmy Rae Nelson of Newton, first base and pitcher; Teddy Nutt of Morton, second base; and Jim Major of Union, second base and pitcher.

The team has only five returning lettermen, but the new boys are from some fine baseball high schools and are experienced and capable. Coach Baucum seemed optimistic and stated, "We are looking forward to another good season. We will have to work hard, but we think that it will be rewarding when the season has closed and we are well-represented once more as we were last year!"

It should be mentioned that anyone who would like to play should contact Coach Baucum and see if he is eligible. Also, there are no scholarships available. The love of the game is the only incentive there is for playing at the present time.

One of the major research projects in the national drug field is taking place at the University of Mississippi. The University's Research Institute of Pharmaceutical Sciences is "prospecting" for "green gold" by testing numerous plants to determine if they posses medicinal or curative properties. More than half the most important drugs today are extracted from plants, or plant material. Mississippi is estimated to have over 100 plants with medicinal value. —Released by Mississippi Economic Council.

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EC Slaughters Rival Scooba 80-68

The EC Warriors demolished East Mississippi in a game that was rated at a much closer outcome than what actually happened. The last time the two teams met, EC barely nipped the Lions by two points (66-64) in an overtime game at Scooba. This time, with the Warriors at home, the Lions were totally outclassed.

The East Central team used superior outside shooting and great rebounding to key their attack.

First Half

The game began as Scooba opened the scoring, but the Warriors, behind a couple of quick baskets by center Grady Boozer, stormed into a 9-4 lead in the opening moments.

The Lions tried to "roar" back into the lead, behind their big center Robert Montgomery, and came within a point of catching the Warriors. With about five minutes played, the score stood 9-8 for the Warriors.

But, a quick "free for all" was engaged when the Warriors began their "blitz" and Nowell, Gressett and Dorman all sacked a goal each to increase the EC lead to 14-8.

Mullins and Montgomery tried desperately to catch the fleeting Warriors, but the Warriors began another barrage of basketballs, to sink Scooba into a 27-18 deficit with five minutes left in the half.

Larry Gressett and Art Fulton both had torrid streaks of shooting in the last minutes of the half, before Sam Nowell got the "fever" and also contributed to the Lions' misfortune. The score for the half stood 38-30.

Second Half

The Warriors seemed determined not to have a lapse of scoring as they did at the Scooba game. Fulton, Dorman and Gressett all racked quick baskets as the second half unfolded. With five minutes gone in the half, the score was 46-35. The 11 points were the big factor in the rest of the game. The Warriors, knowing that they could be more loose, began to put the pressure on the Lions.

Center Glenn Hitt began to get the "Lion's" share, and "EC's," also, of the rebounds. His outside shooting also panged the Lions as did the shooting of Sam Nowell and Ben Johnson.

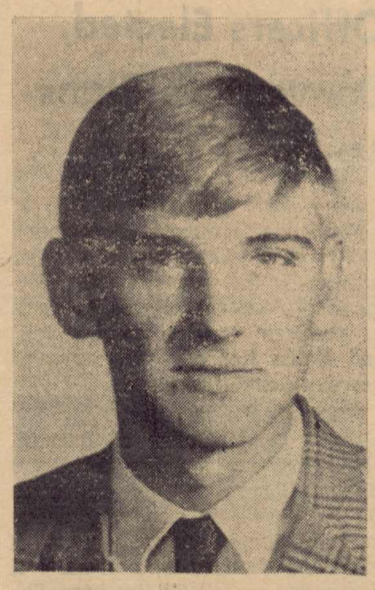
With 10:34 left in the game, the score was 58-42 for the Warriors and EC never looked back. The Lion center Montgomery fouled out of the game and the Warriors coasted in the rest of the way. The final score was 80-68 for the Warriors.

EAST CENTRAL

No. NAME	FG.	FT.	Pts.
14—Gressett	4	3	11
25—Boozer	5	1	11
23—Hitt	2	1	5
12—Fulton	5		10
11—Nowell	10	4	24
10—Dorman	5	4	14
20—Johnson	1	3	5
	32	16	80

EAST MISSISSIPPI

No. NAME	FG.	FT.	Pts.
23—Perkins	6	2	14
10—Smith	3	3	9
33—Mullins	3	6	12
25—Dobbs	1		2
12—Montgomery	2	4	8
21—Simmons	1	2	4
42—James	2	7	11
11—Trenor	1		2
44—Pate	3		6
	22	24	68



Sam Nowell
All State

Larry Gressett
Honorable Mention
All-State

Tennis Anyone?

The familiar call, "Tennis, anyone?" is beginning to echo through the campus as the season nears for play. All winter long those who love the game have waited—some patiently and others not so patiently. Those who just had to play could be found at various times in the gym hitting the ball against the wall just to sharpen the forehand, backhand and serve. The familiar question, "Who's going to make the team?" was naturally asked.

More Questions

Also, in the line of questions was this one: who is going to coach the team?" Miss Lucille Wood, who is on a leave of absence working on her Ph. D. at Southern, is the regular coach.

The hunt for a coach was not long in being solved. From the faculty ranks came George Abraham to lead the team forward. We don't know his coaching experience and qualifications, but the girls don't seem worried in the least! Dark, handsome, and eligible are plenty qualifications for them.

Seriously, Mr. Abraham is doing a fine job. The team has organized, schedules are being made, and the new courts are being completed. The season is nearing, and EC will be handicapped because of the absence of courts this winter. The old courts were torn down for the erecting of the fine arts building. If the team fares well at the season's beginnig, it will be through sheer determination and not a great deal of practice.

Look in the next issue of the paper for the team members, reports on the practice activity, and tournament schedules.

EAST CENTRAL JUNIOR COLLEGE
1969 BASEBALL SCHEDULE

Date			Time
March 11	Scooba	There	3:30
March 27	Jones	There	3:00
April 1	Southwest	There	3:00
April 8	Holmes	There	3:00
April 10	Co-Lin	There	3:00
April 14	Perkinston	There	3:30
April 17	Southwest	Here	3:00
April 18	Jones	Here	3:00
April 21	Scooba	Here	3:30
April 25	Perkinston	Here	3:00
April 29	Co-Lin	Here	3:00
May 2	Holmes	Here	3:00

What's New In '69

by Gloria Sanders

This semester, which began with classes on January 22, has many new and important things in store for East Central. The students, great plans for the semester. Each faculty and administration have facet of life, whether it is students or faculty, has something new for '69.

New Instructors

Several new instructors have joined the East Central faculty.

Mrs. Alice Pouncey is substituting for Martha Graham as instructor in the remedial and speed reading courses. Mrs. Pouncey is originally from Enterprise, Mississippi. She attended Jones Junior College where she received an A. A. degree. She received a B. S. degree in home economics from the University of Southern Mississippi and a M. Ed. in secondary education from Livingston University. While at Jones, Mrs. Pouncey was Miss. J. C. J. C., a member of the Hall of Fame, class favorite, and Honor Girl Graduate. She was also active in 4—H work. She has been 4—H State Council President, Stat eSecretary, received a national 4—H scholarship in Home Economics, and was a member of the 4—H All-Stars. This is one of the highest honors a 4—H'er can attain. Mrs. Pouncey is active in the Methodist Church, Decatur Progressive Club, and Decatur Jaycettes. She is the wife of Coach Ken Pouncey. The Pounceys have two children; Alice, 3, and Amy, 7 months.

A new instructor in the field of Biology is Mrs. Susan Woods. Mrs. Woods is originally from Philadelphia, Mississippi. She received her B. S. from Mississippi College, M. S. from Mississippi State University, and has done further work at the University of Southern Mississippi. While in college she attained many honors. She was a member of Cap and Gown, Delta Omicron, Kappa Delta Phi, and was listed in Who's Who Among Students in American Colleges and Universities. Mrs. Woods is interested in photography, collecting antique glass, raising Siamese cats, and playing the piano. She is married to Dr. John Woods. They have one son, Evan, 18 months.

Mr. Percy Corder is a new faculty member in the field of agriculture. Mr. Corder is from Carrollton, Mississippi. He attended Holmes Junior College and Mississippi State University earning both his B. S. and M. S. from State. His interests include hunting and fishing. Mr. Corder is married and has one son, Kevin, one.

Mr. Coyt Hogue, a new instructor in the vocational department, is from Forest, Mississippi. Mr. Hogue is a graduate of Sebastopol High School and has attended the Perfect Circle Corporation, Forest; Carter Corporation, Jackson; Borguarner Transmission Schools, Meridian; Studbaker Corporation School, Complete Automotive and Trucks, Jackson and Meridian; Motor Clinics, and Carburator Clinics. He had the top grades in the Studebaker School in Jackson and was acting instructor for Truck Mechanics in courses in Meridian. Mr. Hogue's other interests include boating, fishing, swimming, and basketball. Mr. Hogue is married and the father of two, Larry, 27 and Carolyn 22. Both Larry and Carolyn attended E.C.J.C.

An instructor not so new, but having obtained a new position, is Mr. George Abraham. Mr. Abraham is now East Central's new tennis coach.

Vo-Tech and Ag. Buildings Completed

The new Vocational-technical building is now occupied. This building houses the commerce, drafting, and vocational departments. It is a very beautiful building and if you have not yet had a chance to visit it, do so in the future.

Another new building that will warrant your "looking into" is the Agriculture building. Classes are now being held in the building and it houses the latest facilities in the field of agriculture.

New Course

There is one new course offered at East Central this semester. It is Electric Circuit Theory. This is the first time it has been offered here.

This class is supervised by Mr. Deaton and is one of the courses taught by television from the University of Mississippi.

ETV Announces Creative Writing For Television Awards Competition

Jackson, Miss.— The Mississippi Authority for Educational Television today announced the rules governing their recently announced Creative Writing for Television Awards competition.

Categories Of Competition

In the category of drama, an individual may submit either (a) a script for an original hour (or two half-hour) television dramas; (b) a script for an original hour (or two half-hour) television children's dramas; or (c) a script for an original hour (or two half-hour) television reading theater dramas.

In the category of music and dance, an individual may submit either (a) a score for an original full-length symphonic work for full orchestra (suite, symphony, concerto, etc., which is not less than ten minutes or exceeds thirty minutes in playing time); (b) a book and score for an original musical drama or operatic composition which is not less than fifteen minutes or exceeds sixty minutes in playing time; (c) a score for an original music composition for several (more than three) instruments (trio, quartet, etc., which is not less than twelve minutes or exceeds thirty minutes in playing time); (d) a score for an original composition for orchestra and vocalist which is not less than ten minutes or exceeds twenty minutes in playing time; (e) a score for an original composition for orchestra and instrumentalist which is not less than fifteen minutes or exceeds thirty minutes in playing time; (f) a book and score for an original full-length dance drama, or for a series of individual dance pieces which has a maximum length of sixty minutes.

In the category of film arts, an individual may submit a script for an original documentary film or a script for a film treatment or film essay on a problem, poem, story, subject or theme. Scripts for this category should be not less than a half-hour or exceed one hour in playing time.

Awards And Presentations

The awards in each of the three major categories of drama, music and dance, and film arts will consist of a first prize of $1,000, two second prizes of $500, two third prizes of $200, and two Honorable Mention awards of $100 for a total of 21 cash prizes in all. Each prize winner will also receive an appropriately inscribed plaque. The awards will be announced and presented at a time and place to be announced later by the Awards Committee.

Specific questions concerning categories of competition, eligibility, or general rules for submitting entries should be directed to the Awards Chairman, Mississippi Authority for Educational Television, Post Office Drawer 2470, Jackson, Mississippi 39205, telephone: 601-362-4442.

The Awards Competition was made possible through a recent grant awarded to the Mississippi Authority for Educational Television by the Corporation for Public Broadcasting. The grant was made specifically for the purpose of creating distinctive original television programming for broadcast over the State's planned color educational television network.

14. Deadline for receipt of all entries is midnight, August 31, 1969, although entries may be submitted at any time prior to that date.

15. Entries should be sent to ETVV Writing Competition, Mississippi Authority for Educational Television, Post Office Drawer 2470, Jackson Mississippi 39205.

Footballers Close First Half Of Spring Training

The East Central Warrior football team closed the first half of spring drills last Thursday. The drills were held with next year's sophomores.

There will be a second drill for this year's graduating high school seniors who plan to play football for EC. This second spring training will be held during the first two weeks in May, according to Coach Kenneth Pouncey, and anyone wishing to play should contact the athletic department between now and May. When asked if there were any real good prospects in high school now that plan to play football for East Central, Coach Pouncey stated, "Yes, there are about five above-average players that we have signed and we will depend on these boys a great deal."

There were only 11 participating in the first drills. Due to various reasons, several key freshmen who are going to be relied on heavily are not going to play this season.

Those who did return include: D. Q. Denson of Morton, end; Wayne Hatcher of Hickory, tackle; Mike Glaze of Forest, guard: Dale Stewart of Louisville, end; Gatley Brashier of Decatur, guard and center; George Sholar of Morton, safety; Billy Rowzee of Decatur, defensive halfback; and Robert Cheatham of Philadelphia, tackle.

Newcomers who are dressed out include: Bill Coghlan of Neshoba Central, tackle; Terry Beckham of Edinburg, fullback; and Scottie Smith of Noxapater, guard.

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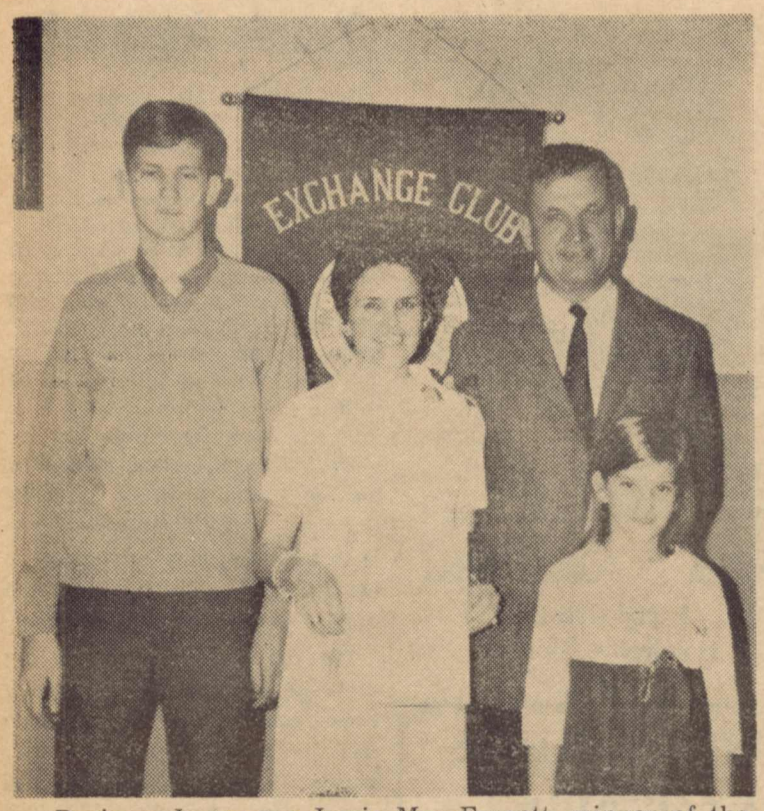

Business Instructor Jessie Mae Everett, winner of the Exchange Club Golden Deeds Awards, is pictured with her family.

Instructor Given Golden Deeds Award By Decatur Exchange Club

Mrs. Jessie Mae Everett, prominent citizen of Decatur, recently became the first woman to receive the coveted Golden Deeds Award since the conception of the project by the Decatur Exchange Club in 1958.

The annual award is a product of the National Exchange efforts and is designed to honor outstanding community citizens who have given unselfishly of themselves.

Mrs. Everett, wife of Decatur attorney James Bobby Everett, and the mother of two children, Keith and Lisa, received a certificate symbolic of the award, and had her name entered in the Book of Golden Deeds along with a picture Monday night at the East Central Junior College cafeteria, Decatur.

William Goldberger, who made the presentation, spoke words of praise concerning Mrs. Everett's service to her community and profession.

Martin Burstein, president of the Meridian Exchange Club, introduced the guest speaker, Harold Pope of Meridian. Pope spoke prior to the presentation of the Golden Deeds Award.

The District director said that a true Exchangite is always giving something of himself to someone else. He stated that it is only the things that one gives away that multiply so greatly. He said that one should share both love and knowledge and it will spread. The whole basis of the Exchange Club, according to Pope, is to give.

Pope installed new officers for the Decatur club and charged them to accept their responsibilities, to help forward the club and the community. The new officers installed are: J. M. Thames, president; Dale Weaver, vice-president; Excell Mapp, secretary; and O. L. (Pete) Turman, Bill Mashberg and Jimmy Mangrum, Board Members.

The incoming president, Mr. Thames, served as the master of ceremonies for the night. Special guests were: Mr. and Mrs. Harold Webb, Mr. and Mrs. Sam May, Mr. and Mrs. John Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. Preston, Beatty, Mr. and Mrs. Marion Perry of Philadelphia, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Cooper, the Rev. Fred Fowler, Mr. and Mrs. Martin Burstein and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Pope of Meridian, and Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Everett.

The Golden Deeds honoree, Mrs. Everett is the daughter of B. C. and Maggie Stewart and is a native of Neshoba County where she graduated from Bond High School. She attended East Central Junior College where she excelled as a member of the basketball team and was one of the guiding lights on the Tom-Tom, college newspaper.

From East Central she went to the University of Mississippi, Oxford, where she received her B. S. degree and later obtained her Masters Degree in Business Education. She also did graduate study at Georgia State and the University of Mississippi. While at Ole Miss she worked as Faculty Housing secretary and for Dr. L. Fowler, chairman of the Business Education School.

She came to East Central, Decatur, in 1956, and today is a business instructor at the institution. Aside from her teaching, Mrs. Everett has been outstanding in all school functions. She was chosen recently as one of the two junior college representatives to revise and re-write Business Education Handbooks in Mississippi High Schools.

She is an active member of Delta Kappa Gamma, a teaching sorority, and is past president of the Decatur Woman's Progressive Club. For two years she served as president of Dist. II Mississippi Federation of Women's Clubs, a 12-county district. She has been named Club Woman of the Year and Teacher of the Year by the Decatur club and in the district.

Mrs. Everett is a Sunday School teacher at Clarke-Venable Baptist Church, an active member of the East Central and University of Mississippi Alumni associations and chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Decatur Public Library and of the County Library Trustees. She has been a member of the Board of Directors, Decatur Development Association, and secretary of the Miss. Business Education Assn., and of the Junior College Division of the Southern Business Education Association. She has worked as a Boy Scout leader and is devoting time now to the Girl Scouts of Decatur.

Officers Elected, Convention Plans Made By SEA

The Student Education Association has recently elected the two major officers for the year 1969-1970. Glenda McMullan was elected to serve as president for the coming year and Katha Kennedy will serve as secretary and treasurer.

Glenda is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. A. McMullan of Decatur. She belongs to the Clarke-Venable Baptist Church and is active in B.S.U. Glenda is also very active in local, state, and national 4—H work and attended the national 4—H convention in Chicago this year. She is majoring in Home Economics.

Katha is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Kennedy of Union Katha was one of the ten semi-finalists in the annual beauty pageant at East Central. She is a member of the E.C.J.C. players, and is majoring in Liberal Ars.

These newly elected officers will go to Jackson as alternate delegates to the state M.E.A. convention, March 13-14. Danny Whittington, president for 1968-1969, will join the group and serve as an alternate delegate: Kathy will represent the S.E.A. in the House of Delegates on Wednesday.

Those going to the convention as delegates are Linda Lathem, Sandy Smith, and Elaine Madison. Mr. L. E. Cliburn, S.E.A. sponsor, will also attend the convention.

Wesley Schedules Trip To Nashville

The Wesley Foundation recently announced plans for a trip to Nashville, Tennessee.

The Methodist Campus Minister, J. L. Neill, says that the group will have the opportunity to visit many places. The group will spend Saturday evening at the Grand Ole Opry, one of the main attractions of that Tennessee City.

Nashville is often called the Athens of the South. When Nashville celebrated its Centennial, the citizens kept this in mind and erected a replic of the Parthenon which stands in ruins in Athens, Greece. Nashville gained its title of the Athens of the South because of the many colleges and universities located there. Three of the more famous of the schools located in Nashville are Vanderbilt University, George Peabody College for Teachers, and Scarritt College.

Not only is Nashville noted for its educational institutions, but it is noted for the famed Grand Ole Opry and the newly erected museum of country music.

The city is also the site of the home of Andrew Jackson. The Hermitage is one of the main attractions of the city, and the Wesley group will certainly include a visit to it.

With the religious aspect of the trip in mind, the group will include in their agenda a visit to some of the church headquarters in Nashville. They will visit the Methodist Publishing House and the Upper Room Chapel. The Upper Room Chapel houses one of the World's largest wood carvings. The carving is of "The Last Supper," and it will be the center piece under which the group will have a Communion Service in memory of that Last Supper. The chapel furnishes many hours of peace and quiet for thousands of people, including the famed Baptist evangelist Billy Graham who visits the chapel once a year.

Located in the same building as the Upper Room Chapel is a museum containing items collected from all over the world. Some of the items were donated by missionaries and others by interested persons.

There will be a registration fee of $5.00 for the trip. This is to confirm your reservations for meals, lodging and transportation. If you would like to go on this trip, please pay the registration fee to the Methodist Campus Minister, Brother Neill, or Gail Fulton before March 12.

Ole Miss Offers Information On Financial Aid

University, Miss.— Graduating seniors and junior college students who need financial assistance in attending the University of Mississippi should apply for scholarships, loans and work-scholarships by April 15.

Scholarships include merit awards, awards based on financial need, and regular University scholarships which are given on the basis of scholarship, leadership and need.

The College Work Study Program offers to qualified students part-time campus employment, and full-time summer employment on campus or in the student's home town.

Long-term, low interest loans are also available.

One application form is required for all types of aid, and must be filed in the Office of Placement and Financial Aids by April 15. A Parents Confidential Statement must be filed by March 15. Students will be notified of aid awards shortly after May 1.

Information brochures and application forms may be secured from the Office of Placement and Financial Aids, University, Mississippi 38677.

DEAN OF STUDENTS Jim Lightsey counsels with a student.

Lightsey Enjoys Sports; Is Member Of The FCA

by Linda Lathem

A smiling face, a friendly nod, and a cheerful word characterize East Central's Dean of Students, Jim Lightsey. Mr. Lightsey, a native of Bay Springs, is always willing to talk to a student who has problems or to a student who just needs to talk to someone. He attended Jones Junior College in 1962 through the spring of 1964. In the spring of 1964, Mr. Lightsey entered Mississippi State University.

While at Mississippi State, Mr. Lightsey, was a member of the Wesley Foundation, a member of the Bulldog team, a member of the "M" Club, and the Fellowship of Christian Athletes. At State, he made the Dean's List three out of five semesters. He received his bachelor of science degree from Mississippi State with a major in history and received his master's of education from the University of Southern Mississippi.

Mr. Lightsey enjoys all phases of athletics. Among his favorite sports is touch football.

As previously stated, Mr. Lightsey is a member of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes. This reporter asked Mr. Lightsey if he would elaborate on the purpose and functions of The Fellowship of Christian Athletes. The purpose, as he explained, is "To confront coaches and athletes and through them the youth of the country with the challenge and adventure of following Christ through the fellowship of the Church." The Fellowship of Christian Athletes was organized as Mississippi State in the fall of 1964. According to Mr. Lightsey, the FCA is open to all varsity athletes, coaches, and managers. FCA stresses group activity such as presenting programs to various high schools and helping to organize high school chapters. FCA is also active in going to different churches and holding special services, and presenting programs to various civic groups. When Mr. Lightsey was at State, approximately one hundred athletes were members of FCA. Mr. Lightsey explained that each year funds are raised to send members to the National Conference in Black Mountain, North Carolina. While a student at Mississippi State, Mr. Lightsey served as program chairman of FCA. These programs might include outside speakers, interesting films, or a member might give a devotion or lead a discussion.

Since coming to East Central in the fall of 1968, Mr. Lightsey has spoken to the Wesley Foundation on several occasions. He is presently serving as the youth director at the Decatur Methodist Church. Mr. Lightsey's activities could best be summed up in this timeless bit of poetry, "Willing to work, willing to play, willing to help whomever he may."

Plans Released MEA Convention

MEA Advance

Mrs. Elsie Curtis, MEA president and classroom teacher of Utica, announces to the membership that Jess Stuart will be a highlighted speaker at the 83rd Annual Convention on March 1214 when it convenes at the Coliseum in Jackson. Another "surprise speaker" and national personality will also appear. The convention theme will be "Pursuit of Excellence."

First General Session

Mr. Stuart famed Kentucky teacher author traveler, will address the First General Session Thursday at 2 p.m. MEA has made several attempts to schedule his appearance, and just this year his calendar and MEA date were not in conflict. His, "The Thread That Runs So True," is considered by many one of the best accounts of a teacher's experiences ever written.

Delegates Have Full Day

Kicking off the three packed days of Mississippi's largest convention, delegates will assemble for the annual business session at 10 a.m. on Wednesday. They will work until noon, recess for lunch served at the Coliseum, and reconvene for an afternoon session at 1 p.m.

Thursday's agenda shows a full day of section meetings and special functions, with time open at 2 p.m. for all to see and hear Mr. Stuart. Thursday evening. "Shownight," first introduced last year, now a permanent feature, will entrance all with quality, professional entertainers.

Comedy And Cheesecake

The Kobelt Sisters, novelty dancing Dolls," will be followed by actor comedian, Billy Kelly. The musical portion will feature vocalists, Court and Saunders. Husband-wife in real life, these exciting singers present a wide range of solo-duets, in a style all their own.

Friday's schedule will be a continuation of section meetings, culminating at 11 a.m., in a program to be given by the Miss. Authority for Educational Television. At this Second General Session, teachers will hear the progrss made statewide with ETV; what the impact will be; and have opportunity for audience participation in a question-answer period.

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Calendar Reveals Important Dates

In the closing months of school many activities are scheduled. The East Central office calendar reveals dates for East Central faculty and students to remember. The following listing and notes give information concerning these dates:

March 25 — The East Central Junior College Concert Band will give a short concert in assembly. The repertoire consists of varied musical numbers that most should enjoy.

March 26 — The East Central Junior College Choir will present a concert of sacred music at the Union First Baptist Church. This program will be similar to the one given at Clarke - Venable Baptist Church on March 19.

March 27 — The Home Economics Department is sponsoring a style and talent show under the direction of Mrs. Ruth Hull. The show will at 8:00 in Huff Memorial Auditorium.—East Central baseball team versus Jones at Jones, 3:00 P.M.

April 1 — East Central versus Southwest at Summit.

April 3 — The East Central Players will present "CATCH ME IF YOU CAN." The Play will begin at 8:00 P. M. in Huff Memorial Auditorium.

April 17 — The French Club Banquet will be held in the Gordon Room beginning at 7:00 P.M. Tickets will be on sale at a later date.

April 8 — The East Central baseball team plays Holmes at Holmes.

April 10 — The ECJC baseball team versus Co-Lin at Co-Lin.

April 12-16 — The Phi Theta Kappa National Convention will be held in St. Louis, Missouri. A number of members from East Central plan to go.

April 14 — The ECJC baseball team plays Perkinston at Perkinston.

April 17 — ECJC baseball team versus Southwest at Decatur, 3:00 P.M. — The Wesley Foundation is having its annual spring banquet in the Gordon Room at 7:00 P. M. Tickets will be on sale at a later date.

April 18 — The ECJC Warriors versus Jones here at 3:00 P.M.

April 18-20—BSU Leadership Conference at Gulf Shores.

April 21 — ECJC baseball team versus Scooba here at 3:30.

April 22 — The sophomores will have a banquet in the cafeteria.

April 25 — There will be a freshman dance in the gymn from 8:00 'til 12:00 P. M.

April 25-26 — Selected members of the TOM - TOM staff will attend the annual spring session of the Junior College Press Conference at Delta Junior College. There will also be competition in which many phases of our newspaper are entered.

May 2 — The ECJC baseball team will play Holmes at Decatur, 3:00 P. M.

May 4 — The Music Department will present the annual Sophomore Recital.

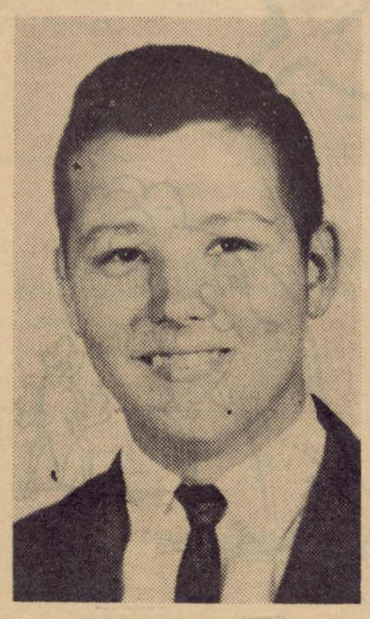
May 4-9 — Fine Arts Festival: This will consist of a band concert, a choir concert, the musical "Down in The Valley," separate students in recital, a one-act play, and many other phases of the fine arts program at East Central.

May 8 —East Central will stage its annual May Day festivities in honor of Miss Donna Crawford, May Queen.

May 15 — The Home Economics department will have an "Apple for the Teacher" Day. Open House will be from 3:00 to 5:00 P. M.

May 18 — The Baccalaureate Sermon will be held in Huff Auditorium.

May 23 — Graduation exercises will be held in Huff Auditorium.



ROBERT SMITH
SEA State President

LINDA LATHEM
SEA State Secretary

Smith And Lathem Elected To State SMEA Offices

Former student Robert Smith, and sophomore Linda Lathem were recently elected to state offices. Robert was elected president of the Student Mississippi Education Association and Linda was elected secretary. They will serve during the 1969-70 school year.

Robert, a junior at Mississippi State University and a math major, will lead the SMEA activities as president during the coming year. Robert succeeds James Morgan of Delta State College, 1968-69 president. In his speech to the SMEA delegation, Robert brought out the need for better communication among SEA chapters of the state. Robert served as president of the East Central SEA chapter, business manager of the TOM-TOM, and was elected to the Hall of Fame while at East Central. He has served during the past year as state SMEA vice-president.

Linda, an English and journalism major, will serve as recording secretary for the coming year. She succeeds Cecile Walsh of the University of Mississippi, 1968-69 secretary. Linda stressed the need for honesty and integrity in the SMEA chapter. In addition to this, she is Sigma Tau Sigma secretary, Phi Theta Kappa reporter, co-editor of the TOM-TOM, and a member of Wesley, Delta Psi Omega, the ECJC Players, and French Club.

Scarritt Offers Scholarships

Scarritt College is interested in beginning a pilot scholarship program with the junior colleges in Mississippi. They should like to establish one full tuition scholarship in each college in the amount of $1,00.00 to a student, man or woman, who is planning a career in a church or community occupation, renewable each year through graduate school. This makes a total scholarship of $4,000.00.

The recipient would be chosen by each college as the student they would be expected to meet the academic standard of Scarritt as described below:

1. The student must have completed a total of 60 semester hours, exclusive of physical education, with a quality point average of C (1.0) or above.

2. The student, in order to continue graduate study, must complete his B. A. degree with a cumulative grade point average of B (1.7) or above.

3. The student must be planning to enter a full-time church or community occupation.

If you are interested in this program, contact Mr. Lightsey for further information.

Ole Miss Offers Engineering Day

University, Miss.— High school and junior college students from across the state are expected to join Ole Miss students in the annual Engineering Day program on the Oxford campus March 28.

Reigning over the day's festivities, including an open house, industrial and student-made exhibits, will be a newly elected Engineering Day queen, Miss Susan Chamberlin.

High school and junior college students interested in engineering are invited to attend the day long program at Carrier Hall, the home of engineering at Ole Miss. National firms representing the five areas of the Ole Miss engineering program — civil, electrical, mechanical, chemical and geological — are expected to have exhibits on campus. Last year, astronaut, aquanaut Scott Carpenter was the principal speaker at E-Day. Featured speaker this year has not been announced.

Also scheduled on campus March 28 are District I Science Fair and the Mississippi Science Teachers Association's observation of the Silver Jubilee of the founding of the National Science Teachers Association.

East Central To Under-Go Self Evaluation Program

East Central Junior College will undergo a program on self-evaluation in the future. This study is made in every school which is a member of the Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools the original accreditation agency for this area. This study is made periodically every ten years. East Central last engaged in this program of self study and evaluation in 1961.

The program will culminate with a written report and a study of the school by a visiting team from the Southern Association. This team usually consists of five to seven members who spend a three day period on campus. A team will be expected on East Central's campus in the spring of 1971.

The program will require eighteen months for completion. The study will be made by nine different committees comprised of faculty and administration members. Each committee will turn in a written report on their findings. These reports, along with the one submitted by the Southern Association team, will be printed in a journal after completion of the study.

The nine main areas covered in the study and reports are history, purpose and philosophy, administrative organizations and control, educational program, student personnel services, faculty, library, physical plant, special activities and financial resources. Only one committee has been named, the Purpose Committee. Mr. Charles Pennington was named chairman. The other members of this group are Mrs. Billie Cork, Mrs. Marian Thornton, Mr. Olen Newell, and Mrs. Frank Rives. This group will study and possibly revise the purpose of the institution, as listed in the catalogue. They will do their study before the other groups begin.

This program will begin in September of this year. The names of the visiting team will not be known until their arrival.

This program of self-evaluation and study is made in an effort to keep all colleges which are members of the Southern Association up-dated and governed from within the Association. The Association is made up of colleges in Florida, Georgia, North Carolina, South Carolina, VVirginia, Kentucky, Tennessee, Alabama, Texas, Lcuisiana, and Mississippi. The program takes place in every college holding membership.

PTK Plans To Attend National Convention

Theta Xi Chapter of the Phi Theta Kappa National Honorary Fraternity are making plans to attend the national convention in St. Louis, Missouri, on April 12-16. This is a very big event and any member of the chapter may attend. Those wishing to attend must go by and sign the list by March 24. Mrs. Alyne Simmons is sponsor.

May Queen Donna Crawford and Maid of Honor, Brenda Seal are prepared for rainy weather.

-EDITORIALS-

Hey You, Take A Look At Yourself

East Central is about to begin a program of self-evalution. Soon the semester and the school year will have reached its close. Don't you feel that it is time for each one of us to look at ourselves, even now as our school is about to undergo self-evaluation?

Each one of us should ask ourselves several questions and answer them honestly and seriously. For many of us our junior college education will soon be completed; some will go on to further their education, while others will end their formal education at the end of this term. But just how much do we know about ourselves?

Do you feel satisfied with your work here at East Central? Some feel that they have done their best, others don't even care to try. Some of us have started off well but lost interest or became too involved with outside problems to really do our best.

Have you reached the goals you had set for yourself? A person should never set his goal so low that he doesn't have to put forth an effort to reach it, neither should he set his goal so high as to make attainment impossible. An individual's goal should be just beyond his fingertips—gaining it is then not impossible but requires extra effort. If we are unable to make the grade here, where we have our parents and teachers to fall back on, how can we expect to in life when we have no one to depend on but ourselves?

Have you begun to formulate a philosophy of life or made any opinions or reached any decisions about life? The philosophy of "If it feels good, do it" can't stand up under the pressures of our world and lives today. Our ideals and beliefs must be so strong and firm that they will serve us when we are on our own. These ideals, beliefs, and opinions must be elastic enough to change to meet the changes of life, but yet strong enough so that they will not fail us.

Do you have any desire or ambition to accomplish something? If we accept things as they are without question as to whether it is right or wrong or whether it can be changed to become better, we are no different than an inanimate object which sits stationary as life goes on all around it. We would be dead and man would be no better than a vegetable. We must be able to ask "Why?" and "Can this be changed to be better for mankind?"

Hey you, look around. Are you everything you should be? Are you doing your part? Hey, you, look around you—do you like what you see?

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Definition Of An Atheist

An atheist is defined technically as "one who believes that there is no God." The definition is quite correct, but perhaps, not full. The term "atheist" to most people carries with it a more connotative value, as perhaps a more denotatative description, also.

A person who does not believe in a Supreme Being, is, first of all, in the minority. Most people believe in God and do not deny the fact. Others believe in God, but are hesitant to divulge their thoughts on the subject. If we try to adapt these people to the technical term "atheist", we see that they do not fit within the category. The real problem comes when these people are classed! To claim to be an atheist and to be one may be quite two different things.

But, take the case of the true, staunch atheist. He is probably a miserable person. He is most likely disgusted with people for believing such fallacies as heaven and hell, and surrounds himself in secular cloaks of money, position, and esteem. He wonders how in the world people who are supposed intellects can fool themselves into believing in religion. Why the mere thought might leave him with a feeling of man's utter ignorance!

The atheist is perhaps miserable in another aspect. Since believing in atheism limits him to disbelieving all religion, he is seeking for a meaning in life. The atheist looks and never finds. For after all, who is to be happy if he can not believe there is a God. With a belief in God, man has hope—Hope that his life may not have been lived in vain, and hope of new life after death. The atheist has little or no hope. His life may be useless.

Man seeks usefulness—it is his nature to do so. It is also man's nature to believe in a Supreme Being. An atheist suppresses his natural desire for belief. In arguing for his belief he condemns it. He ridicules the thought of God, and in doing, devoids himself of a fruitful and happy life.

Man's desires, though, can never be totally suppressed. Within each man is the seed of hope. Young has written, "By night an atheist half believes a God." Perhaps, the atheist is trying to sell HIMSELF on the idea that he attempts to pawn upon the world. And maybe, just maybe, there IS no atheist! For after all, Hope springs eternal.

DR

IS THIS HOW YOU FIGHT COMMUNISM?

Hiding Your Head In The Sand

COMMUNISTIC is a word that strikes terror into the hearts and minds of men who have felt the effects of this type of government. Our free or so-called free society often does not fully realize the impact that this system has upon the way of life of the people who are involved in such a drastic situation.

Former Premier Nikita Khrushchev threatened to bury our nation. Chances are his successors are saying the same thing. Mr. Khruschev's threats won't have to be carried out because our nation, like so many nations of old, is slowly but surely burying itself. Our nation will not die from without but through the silent working from within. Our government is silently moving toward communistic control, no matter what one wishes to think.

What is the attitude of most American people to this threat? Most of the people in our nation do not really think about this situation. They are too wrapped up in their own problems to really care. These people are in for a real big surprise, if they don't wake up now. They are like the ostrich who buries his head in the sand. They follow the non-committal policy. "Why get involved?" They are in for a rude awakening. They will be involved when they wake up and find themselves under communist domination.

Are you hiding your head in the sand? Or are you willing to speak up for your rights?

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THRU FOUR EYES

It is wonderful to see the sun once again. It has rained for so long that some students were beginning to feel an attack of webbed feet coming on.

The Poet Laureate of East Central, while conversing with Toby Tapper, (Brenda Garvin, Linda Hill and Donna Crawford's pet squirrel) felt inspired to write a poem:

"Spring has sprung
Fall has fell
Summer's coming
And it'll be hot as usual."

P. L. would have written more but a sudden acute attack of hay fever caused all inspiration to be sneezed away.

It has been requested that everyone stop for a moment of silent meditation for our basketball girls. It seems that they lost their only game of the season. It's sad that so many of them won't be able to say "Wait 'til next year!" Great weepings and wailings! !

Mr. Peterson's speech classes have been making one point speeches to persuade. The topics — How to Improve East Central. There have been some really good speeches made. True — the Tom-Tom did get the ax from several. Admittedly the sportswriter quill often seems to be away on a grass trip and Culture Corner is usually above the usual non campus mentis group but we promise to try harder. We also promise to try harder. We also promise not to change our name to the Lantern.

Speaking of the unkown, it is approaching time for nominations for the Hall of Fame. There are always great trials and tribulations in the efforts to select the chosen few. Why not a Notoriety Nook for Student Snooks. This would be easier to fill but profile photographs would probably fill very available inch of wall space. The profiles don't commend graduates of our fair institution either.

Due to our great tradition of Southern cooking, many of our five county Community papers like the Lucern Ledger, Jeff Joke and Dixon Dilly not to mention the Morton Millstone and Pulaski Pullet, runs a column called "Cook of the Week." Now, in keeping up with the Jones so to speak, the Tom-Tom is proud to announce a new award, the Southern-fried in-corn-oil Peanut Butter-and Sardine sandwich. This is given to our own good (?) cooks No doubt the first to receive it should be Gloria Boles Blount who manages to cook on a crippled hot plate. You see it has two little cooking doolies and one passed away last Saturday. Now our Ace Cook is frantically trying to mash potatoes with a fork on one side of a hot plate, but she promises to practice on shrimp gumbo so she can make the Union Appeal.

Mr. Abraham and his tennis pros are preparing for their first match. They have a loyal cheering section. Last Monday, in all that beautiful sunshine, the spectators cheered, screamed and encouraged the pros. Finally at exactly 5:29 p.m. as the sun was slowly sinking behind Neshoba Hall, one of them finally hit a ball back across the court. Rumor has it that Sandy Smith actually was throwing it at Joe Graham, but we like to believe that it was actually hit.

Easter is coming and some want to get their request in early. Before yours truly asks for anything I want to retract a previously made statement. The Easter Bunny does not, I repeat, NOT, work for Hugh Hefner. Sorry I slandered you, EB. Would you please, Mr. Bunny, sir, bring Linda Lathem several trash cans to scatter about the Student Center?

1. Serf's up — Spartacus!
2. Pall Mall can't spall.
3. Lassie Kills chickens, and my favorite Snoopy sniffs airplane glue.

Reading back over what is written above it is best to remember — "The pen is mightier than the sword, only when it's longer" and beat a hasty retreat!

"I thoo!"

ECJC Players To Present Spring Play "Catch Me If You Can" – April 3, 1969

What Ever Happened To Mrs. Corban?

"Catch Me If You Can," the spring play, is about a man who is spending his honeymoon in the Catskill Mountains, but there is one major problem — his wife has run away. Since there are friendly Mountain people in the area, several unique characters try to help Daniel Corban with his dilemma. First, there is "good old" reliable Inspector Levine, a Jewish Sherlock Holmes. Then there is the helpful priest who brings a surprise to Corban, in fact a big surprise — his missing wife Elizabeth. Or is she? There is also the owner of Sidney's Sandwich Shop who delivers a brunch for two. Last, but no means least, there are Mr. and Mrs. Parker. Or are they? The play revolves around who's who, what's what, and who dun' it?

Cast

Playing the part of Inspector Levine will be Lee Clarke, an extentionalist from Noxapater.

A newly-wed husband with experience is played by Charley Blount.

Making her debut on the stage of East Central is a little "cutie" from Union, Katha Kennedy.

The priest is being piously played by Mike Hatch.

Sidney is played by East Central's Brooklyn Jew, Jerry Nance.

Mr. and Mrs. Parker, the "lovedoves," are played by Bettye Wallace and Jackie McBrayer.

The Players are privileged to have a most creative artist from Hollywood this semster to serve as assistant director of the spring production. Miss Veldito Herring, who is up for an academy award for the "Undergraduate", is here to assist Mr. Peterson in the direction of the play. Miss Herring is a versatile talent who has several screen credits to ber background. Mr. Peterson considers Miss Herring to be one of the "beautiful people" of the theatre.

The set is being designed by Jewebra Clark of the Broadway firm Clark, Clark, and Clark. Miss Clark's set will be a thing of aesthetic beauty.

The Theatre Arts Class of East Central is building the set and forming the crews. They will need great assistance in the production. Anyone interested in helping, contact Mr. Peterson.

The play has a surprise ending and must be seen from beginning. No one will be admitted after the first act begins! There will be a first aid station in case anyone has a faint heart. The play will be presented April 3, at 8 p.m. in Huff Memorial Auditorium. Students will be admitted by I. D. Cards. Other admission will be $1.00 for adults and $.50 for children.

Interview With The Director

Question: Why did you chose the play?

Answer: I chose it because it is one of the funniest plays I have ever read. It is in a high comedy style, and I think one that the students would enjoy. It has several separate characters that are really characters.

Question: Did you have any trouble casting the play?

Answer: No. I'm very pleased with the cast. They are working very hard. I feel they will turn in a play well worth seeing. They certainly are enjoying being in the play.

Question: What makes the play funny?

Answer: Outside of the characters, one has a most hilarious situation. It is three acts of belly laughs.

Question: Why is such a veil of secrecy around rehearsals?

Answer: Because of the surprise ending that I don't want revealed until the night of the play.

Interview With The Actors

Question: What's your opinion of the play?

Lee Clarke: It's funny and fascinating! My opinion can be summed up in one word, "cool"!

Charley Blount: It's a funny play, full of mystery and violence.

Katha Kennedy: I think it's great. It's one of the best, I think everyone will like it.

Mike Hatch: Very well chosen. It's one of the better plays and has been presented at the Barn Theatre where it was well received.

Jerry Nance: It's good.

Question: What problems have you encountered?

Lee: Learning my lines.

Charley: Playing a newlywed and doing the research. Had a guard drill. Awful lot of lines to learn. It's a very demanding part.

Question: Do you associate with the character that you play?

Lee: He is sneaky and satanic and I completely identify with him.

Charley: Yes. He's the type I've always wanted to be like.

Katha: Yes. You have to be able to play the part.

Mike: I'm trying to. It becomes difficult at times.

Jerry: Sure, I'm Sidney. We eat the same sandwich; sometimes we chew the same crust.

Question: Do you like working with the play?

Lee: I enjoy working with all the cast except Mr. Peterson.

Charley: Yes, very much so. You have to put up with a lot but it's worth it.

Katha: Yes. It's fun.

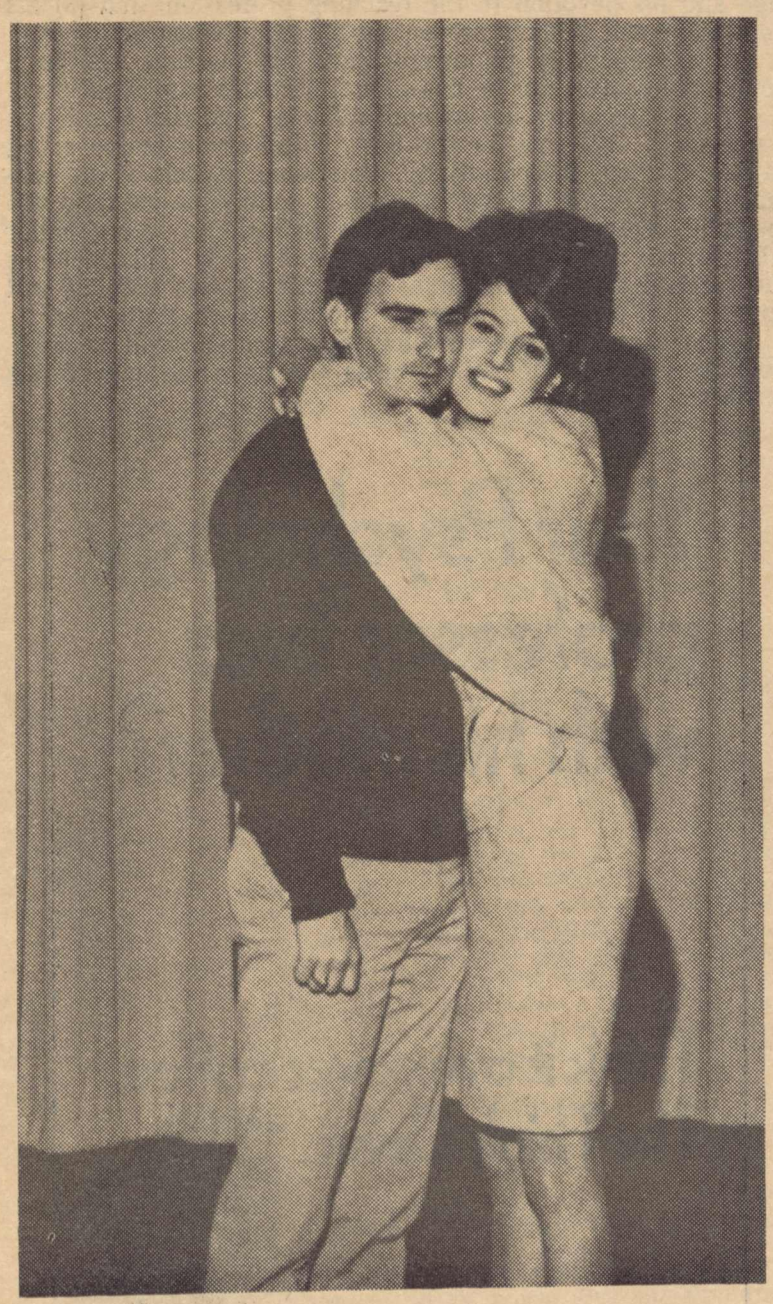
Mike: Yes. I enjoy it very much. Everyone seems real interested in it.

Jerry: Sure. It brings me business. I get $.30 a sandwich.

That's that, that'll be that, that's the end of that."

Charley Blount gets a blessing from Mike Hatch.

Katha Kennedy appears sinister as she threatens Charley Blount in a scene from CATCH ME IF YOU CAN.



Katha Kennedy and Charley Blount illustrate the fact that this play has everything.

They are a threatening group and if he survives it will be a miracle. They'll catch him if they can.

Vickers Reviews Assembly Play

It is called Theatre of the Absurd. The play is titled THE SANDBOX by Edward Albee, and was presented by the Theatre Arts Class on March 4. As a general rule, ideas which are considered absurd are short lived, but apparently this is not true regarding the Theatre of the Absurd. This fact is true because this type of drama has been around for quite some time. In the late 1800's August Strindberg wrote THE SPOOK'S SONATA which is considered Theatre of the Absurd. Strindberg's play was followed on the world's stages by Jean-Paul Satre's NO EXIT and THE MAD WOMAN OF CHAILLOT by Jean Giraudoux.

Since its original production, critics have been unable to agree about Albee's meaning or intentions in THE SANDBOX. Some points about the play are obvious while others remain veiled in the literary jungle of symbolism.

The play is basically about old age and dying and society's attitude toward these two inevitable steps in what Shakespeare calls the seven ages of man.

In the ECJC production, Diane Herring gave an excellent performance as the very ancient mother who is interred in a sandbox while the angel of death stands close by and exercises to stay in condition for his task of receiving the deceased.

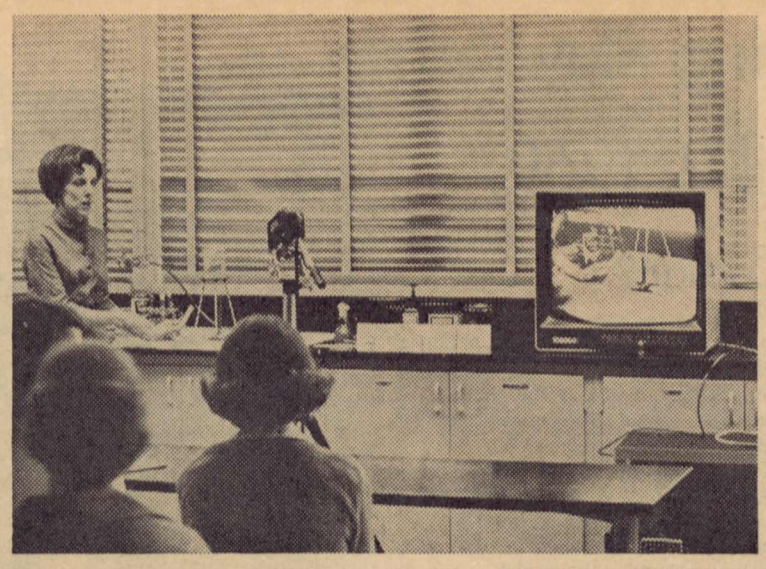
There is no question that Bill Griffis was a very virile angel of death. He was as well cast as the angel who had lost his way in the recent film of sex, symbolism and psychology titled BARBARELLA. Those who saw the play would agree that Mr. Griffis' movement on stage were catlike and strong, but his lines were delivered in a voice which was pitched entirely too high. Perhaps this was a result of interpretation by the director.

Sandra Clark as the daughter performed well, but Miss Clark has turned in stronger performances in her previous roles on the ECJC stage. Admittedly her lines were few, but she did not come through as the really hateful character that Albee had intended.

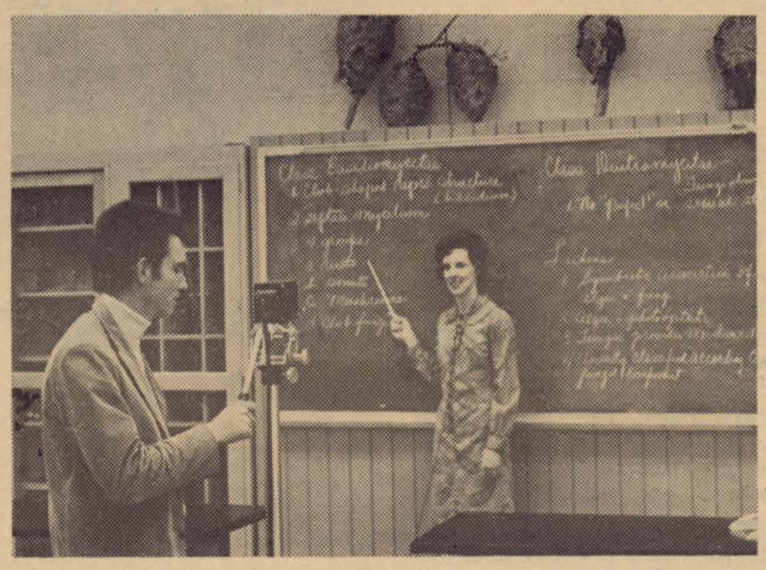
Lee Clark was convincing as the husband, and his costume and make-up were excellent.

Clarinet music, which was played as a parody on funeral marches, forms a musical background for the play. Mike Hatch, who performed on the clarinet, did so without attracting attention from the play to the music, and this is as it should have been.

The play was directed by Babs Cain and Charley Blount who, as beginning students of the theatre, did an admirable job. The theatre arts class is to be commended for staging and lighting the play in perfect harmony with the script.



BIOLOGY INSTRUCTOR Susan Woods recently prepared lectures on video-tape so that they could be given to her classes during her absence.



PHOTOGRAPHER LOGAN HILL assisted Mrs. Woods in preparing the video-tape materials.

Biology Instructor Presents Classes On Closed Circuit Television

by Gloria Sanders

A first has been reached on the East Central campus. Even though biology instructor Mrs. Susan Woods was absent from the campus last week, her classes continued undisturbed. This was possible through the aid of her brother, Logan Hill, and a video-tape of her lecture.

Mrs. Woods left March 13 to join her husband in Guatemala for an all too brief visit. She decided to tape her lectures and let the students view them on the closed-circuit television in the science building.

On the morning that Mr. Woods and Logan decided to begin filming, luck was not with them. The camera was broken and a repairman from Jackson was called in to repair the damage. The next morning, camera repaired, they began taping. Mrs. Woods began her lecture. She said that it was "just like teaching a class except that you have to watch one spot — the camera."

The filming took about four hours. The reason it took this long, Mrs. Woods explained, was because she was writing the outline for her lecture on the board. The difficulty came when she ran out of space and had to erase. Since once the board was erased the camera had trouble picking up the writing because of chalk dust, the board had to be completely washed between changes in the outline. This, she said, was the only real problem to arise.

This was the first time either Mrs. Woods or Logan had done anything of this nature. Mrs. Woods said that after watching herself on television she realized many things she needed to improve, such as speech mannerisms and general appearance.

She said they "had a ball" and learned a lot about doing video-tapes. "At least it will be different for the students to see the lecture on television," she said, "kind of like Sunrise Semester."

East Central Junior College is indeed coming up in the world. First new buildings, a hookup with Ole Miss, and now students watch lectures on closed-circuit television. Will East Central go over to complete automation? I think not. A closed-circuit television can never compete with the personality, warmth, and individual attention awarded by a teacher in a classroom. We are very glad to have Mrs. Woods back and ready to teach — in person.

Hall Of Fame Nominations Will Open In Near Future

When students enter the auditorium from the main entrance they are very likely to notice a group of pictures on the lobby wall that represent ECJC's Hall of Fame. The Hall of Fame is East Central's method of honoring those students who have excelled in the areas of scholarship, leadership, personality, and character. Selection to the Hall of Fame is the highest honor an EC student can achieve.

To be considered for the Hall of Fame, a student must meet several requirements. He must be a sophomore and have successfully completed three semesters of college work. The student must have attained a "B" average or better. He must have shown initiative and interest in his academic work. The candidate must have rendered outstanding and consistent service to his school through the activities he has undertaken. He must also have carried out, to the best of his ability, any duty undertaken. The candidate must also exhibit both good character and conduct.

Selection of Hall of Fame members is fairly simple. Any student or faculty member may make any number of nominations. The nomination should be in the form of a letter which states the qualifications of the nominee. This nomination letter will then be presented to a Hall of Fame Committee. Petitions are to be avoided. If more than one student supports a candidate then he or she should write a separate nomination also listing the qualifications of the student nominated. The Committee to which the nominations are presented will make the decision on who will be placed in the Hall of Fame.

Look for future announcements pertaining to nominations.

Cast Ballot April 8 For Teacher Of Year

The voting box at ECJC will hold the name of an outstanding instructor after students select the Teacher of the Year on April 8.

The Student Education Association has this election for one of its projects to meet the attainment 20 program. The purpose of this selection of an outstanding instructor is to give recognition to a person who in the students' opinion has rendered the most valuable service to East Central this school year in the following ways: (1) the service an instructor renders to the individual students (2) the service an instructor renders to ECJC in such ways as his faithfulness to the college and his devotion to the teaching profession, and (3) his knowledge and skills in presenting his subject matter.

It is especially important that this election not be a popularity contest nor be based on a person's past experience.

All contests are not without fallacies, and this election is a necessary objective for the SEA, so all students are asked to please ignore the popularity, experience aspects of the contest. The purpose of the election is to try to upgrade the teaching profession itself. For this reason the voting ballot will contain a list of the teaching faculty only. This includes the coaches, too, but no names of administrative officials will appear. The election is a choice between instructors only!

The name of the instructor who is chosen will be withheld from the public until awards day near the end of this semester.

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MEA-SMEA Conventions Feature Varied Programs

More than 10,000 Mississippi teachers and student teachers met recently in Jackson for the state MEA-SMEA convention. The convention consisted of three "jam-packed" days of meetings along with exhibits, campaigning, and entertaining. The MEA began its convention with the meeting of its legislative body, the delegate assembly, on Wednesday. Representing East Central as voting delegates were Mrs. Jessie Mary Everett and Denver Brackeen. Representing the East Central SMEA chapter as a non-voting delegate was Katha Kennedy. Katha will report the proceeding of this meeting to the chapter at its next meeting.

The SMEA convention got underway Thursday morning with the first general session at the Captiol Museum. At this session one-hundred and three delegates and alternates were registered. Several outstanding educators spoke concerning professionalism and today's education. Robert Smith, state vice-president, discussed five priorities that affect the Student Education Association while SMEA was in session at the old Capitol, the MEA was having individual departmental meetings featuring outstanding educators from Mississippi and other surrounding states.

The first general session of the MEA meet Thursday afternoon at the Colseium with the SMEA as guests. Featured speaker for the afternoon was Jesse Stuart, famed author and lecturer from Greenup, Kentucky. Mr. Stuart related some of his experiences in his years of teaching.

SMEA held its second general session at Davis Elementary School. The featured speaker at this meeting was Dan Marsis, president of the Alabama SEA and affiliated with the regional and national Student Education Association. Mr. Marsis told the group that in all his traveling he had not found any friendlier people than those of the South. He observed that the South is moving forward by strides in the field of education. Mr. Marsis commented on the disturbances on college campuses thrhoughout the United States. He feels that the students are seeking goals and values and that this seeking can be satisfied by building up a sense of belonging — a sense of a community. Mr. Marsis went on to discuss some of the programs used by SEA's throughout the nation. A few of the main programs brought out in the discussion were as follows:

(1) Develop a good public relations program.

(2) Set up a student-faculty committee, composed of the dean of students, academic dean, college president, SEA president, an elementary education major, and a secondary education major, for the purpose of discussing problems in curriculum, etc.

(3) Establish tutorial programs to aid students who request help in their studies.

This second session closed with the campaign speeches from the candidates for state office. The president, James Morgan of Delta State, urged the delegates to weigh carefully the qualifications of the candidates before election time.

The Jackson Festival Orchestra under the direction of Jimmy Mullans provided the music for the acts. Following Shownight a reception was held in the Olympia Room of the Heidelberg with the Festival Orchestra providing dance music.

Friday morning was open for visits to booths and exhibits at the fairgrounds and departmental meetings. The MEA closed with their second general session at noon Friday. SMEA began its legislative session Friday afternoon. The following resolutions were made by the delegate assembly:

(1) Resolve to commend Gov. John Bell Williams and Lt. Governor Charles Sullivan for their efforts in the past years; and further resolve to commend the legislature for their efforts.

(2) Resolvve to commend MEA and especially Mr. Charley Johnson for their help and support.

(3) Resolve to organize FTA chapters in local districts.

(4) Resolve to clarify legal status of student teachers.

(5) Resolve to improve knowledge of education system.

(6) Resolve to improve the education program.

(7) Resolve to encourage student involvement in education programs.

(8) Resolve to improve drafting laws to allow students who need more than four years to complete a degree time to do so.

(9) Resolve to establish absentee ballots in Mississippi.

(10) Resolve to obtain a full-time state SMEA advisor.

(11) Resolve to support MEA in its resolution to seek appointment of county superintendents of education.

These resolutions were proposed and approved by the delegate assembly. At the close of the assembly the awards for scrapbooks and the Attainment 20 Program which includes service achievements for the year were made and the 1969-70 officers were announced and installed. The scrapbook award went to Mississippi State College for Women, the Attainment 20 award for senior colleges went to the University of Southern Mississippi and in the junior college division to East Central. This made East Central's fifth consecutive year to make top honors in the Attainment 20 Program, as a result the plaque was awarded to the chapter as permanent possession. The award will be presented to the college on Awards Day in May.

The state SMEA officers for the year 1969-70 are as follows: President - Robert Smith, Mississippi State University; Vice President—Anna Hart McFarland, Mississippi State College for Women; Secretary — Linda Lathem, East Central Junior College. Robert Smith, former East Central student and 1967-68 president of the ECJC SEA served as vice-president for 1968-69. Robert has some outstanding plans for the coming year.

TOPICS: UNLIMITED

THROUGH THE LOOKING GLASS

By Alice of EC

Linda Lathem, Glenda McMullan, and Sandy Smith served as voting delegates to the SMEA Convention in Jackson recently. The following is an account of the convention.

A Humorous Look At The SMEA Convention

Three sleepy girls and Mr. Cliburn left Decatur at 6:05 Thursday morning for the SMEA convention in Jackson. Between Forest and Morton a decision was reached that one of the three girls would run for State Secretary. Since no application for entrance in the race had been sent to the state office, the nomination would have to come from the floor. Linda was chosen to run for secretary, and Sandy was to make the nominating speech. By 7:30 both speeches had been written.

The group dropped their luggage off at the motel and proced to the Old Capitol. While Lnda registered delegates, Sandy and Glenda set out to make campaign posters. Resourcefulness and imagination are key words that can be used to describe them. While Sandy bought mints in a restaurant for a poster, Glenda calmly "lifted" toothpicks. The only available space for making posters was — you guessed it — the ladies' room. Given a little time and a few materials, Sandy and Glenda turned out some great posters.

During the break for lunch, Sandy decided that the group must go to Shoney's. The boys, Danny Whittington and Danny Allen, former EC students and former president and former member respectively of SEA, who had joined the East Central delegation, tried to convince her that Shoney's would be crowded. Well, Sandy had to be shown. Off the group went to Shoney's; there wasn't even standing room. All the eating places were crowded by this time, so the group fortified themselves with 12 hamburgers, 2 cheeseburgers, 9 orders of French fries, and jumbo cokes. By the time the group returned to the coliseum, the parking places were limited so they were routed through a livestock barn.

After Shownight, the group decided to go to Shoney's for strawberry pie. No incidents happened here except for the fact that Sandy bought 15 chocoiate mints, 13 of which she devoured herself. Just ask her how she likes mints.

All good things must eventually come to a close. So it was Friday but not without an unusual incident. Mr. Cliburn had left the motel early for a meeting. The girls had put their clothes in Danny's car. The boys transferred the clothes to Mr. Cliburn's car — or what they thought was Mr. Cliburn's car. Mr. Cliburn walked out of the capitol just as the boys finished packing the car. He calmly pointed out his car below the hill.

Even the serious things have their funny side.

EC Choir Attends Choral Festival

The East Central Junior College Choir, under the direction of Mrs. Marion Thornton, attended the annual Mississippi Junior College Choral Festival held at Hinds Junior College in Raymond. The festival was conducted on Saturday, March 8 and began with registration at 8:30 a.m. and ended with mass concert at 7:00 p.m. East Central was one of thirteen junior colleges attending.

The morning schedule began with registration by colleges. This was followed by an assembly of all choirs, and the first of two rehearsals began at 9:00 a.m.

The mass choir was under the direction of Dallas Draper of Louisiana State University. Dr. Draper is a well-known and widely acclaimed director and soloist. He has performed with numerous choirs and has directed many more.

Under Dr. Draper's expert guidance, the mass choir quickly became united in tone and rehearsed until ten o'clock. The individual college choirs then performed until lunch. The East Central Choir sang "Now Let Heaven and Earth," "Oh Holy Lord God," and "Live a Humble."

At seven that evening, the concert began with a number by each college ensemble. East Central's own Bel Cantos performed, singing "Oh Sing Your Songs" by Cain. The mass concert presented "Oh. Music, Thou Most Lovely Art," by Johann Jeep; "Kyric Eleison," by Haydn, 'The Eyes of All Wait Upon Thee" by Berger, "I Want Jesus," arranged by Hairston, "The Impossible Dream," arranged by Ringwald and finally "Billy Boy" arranged by Thompson.

PE Classes Enjoy Modern Dances

If one looked in on one of the girls' Physical Education classes these days, he might be rather surprised at what he saw. Instead of seeing the girls running up and down the court, tired and red-faced, he would see them engaging in the old and lively art of dancing.

Under the direction and leadership of Mrs. Kay Smith, the girls have been taught the basic jazz steps for the past nine weeks. The classes have been divided into groups for the purpose of creating an original dance routine to be presented to the entire group on completion. Before the classes started learning jazz steps, they were taught several coordination drills to prepare them for the group dancing. Mrs. Smith showed the classes the six basic steps which they were to use, along with any new steps of their own, in the preparation of their routine. The routines have been worked up to the best of up-to-date records which have been provided by the students. Leaders from within the class have been chosen to guide and direct their groups.

Mrs. Smith feels that these girls have had no previous dancing extion of the dances as many of them have had no previous dnacing experiences. She says that the girls have cooperated with her to the fullest extent during the past nine weeks.

This type of Physical Education class is relatively new at East Central. Mrs. Smith stated that many people fail to see its value, but it should be realized that this type of dancing enables one to develop grace, poise, and co-ordination. Although it takes much hard work and practice, this type of class is important as well as enjoyable.

Student Engineers Attend Convention

On February 21, 1969, E.C.J.C. was once again well represented at the annual Mississippi Society of Professional Engineers Convention. Alpha Alpha Epsilon members and students from the drafting department attended the convention. The students arrived at the Heidelberg in Jackson at 8:30 Friday morning. After a brief tour of exhibits, the meeting was called to order. Lt. Governor Charles Sullivan, guest speaker, had an encouraging word for the engineers in the drive for progress in Mississippi. During a short break, the engineers once again toured the exhibits. When the groups were again assembled, the students from East Central were recognized as the only student chapter present. After a talk by Mr. Harry Sumrall, Dean of the College of Engineering at Mississippi State, the meeting was adjourned. The students were then allowed to spend the time as they wished until 1:30, when they left to return to the campus.

March 10 was also an important date on the calendar for Alpha Alpha Epsilon. This was the night of the annual banquet held in the Gordon Room. The engineers from Meridian who are the sponsors of East Central's engineers club were present in addition to A.A.E. members. After the meal, the program was turned over to James Tennyson, program coordinator at Mississippi State. Mr. Tennyson gave a thought-provoking talk on the assets of joining the cooperative program. Mr. Ragilan, speaker for the Meridian engineers, then adjourned the meeting, and many students stayed afterward to talk with Mr. Tennyson about the cooperative plan.

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ODDS 'N ENDS

by David Rives

Mantle Hangs 'em Up

Well, all good things come to an end they say. The Mick has finally retired. Mantle has been a permanent fixture with the Yankees since 1951. Mantle is a true superstar. An era has ceased at his retirement.

Mantle was just a bright eyed kid from Oklahoma in 1951. He was a big part of the Yankees that year. The Yankees played the Giants in the World Series. Mantle first injuried his knee in 1951, as he stepped in a hole in right center field in Yankee Stadium.

Mantle had perhaps his greatest moment in 1961, when he hit 57 home runs. In May, 1967, he hit his 500th home run, and ended his career at 536, third on the all time list behind Babe Ruth at 714 and Willie Mays who is still swatting at 'em.

There will never be another Mantle. He has a quality about him, a rapport with the fans that few people have.

Baseball Gets Livelier

The Detroit Tigers and New York Mets began an experiment in exhibition baseball. The new ball they used has a larger cork center and is supposed to be 10 per cent livelier. Most hitters say they can't tell the difference. The new ball has higher stitches than the old ball. It is only an experimental thing, and will not be used during the regular season. We say that the only way to really make baseball livelier is to get some better players, like maybe a few more 300 hitters! THEN it will get lively!

Will Number 3?

It doesn't happen often that Wilt Chamberlain is number three in scoring on his own team. But that is the case this season as the 7 foot 1 inch wonder of the Los Angeles Lakers is proving. Wilt is trailing behind two other "pretty fair" players by the name of Elgin Baylor and Jerry West. Baylor is averaging 25 points a game, West leads at 26 points. But the big thing for the 21 points. But the big thing for the Lakers is Wilt's rebounding. He leads the NBA with 1,629 rebounds in 76 games for a 21.4 average.

As the great rookie sensation of Baltimore, Wesley Unseld said, "Wilt can do anything Wilt wants to do." Amen to that!

QUALIFYING ROUND

LEAKE COUNTY

PLAYER	FG	FT	Pts.
Wooten		1	1
Myrick	7	3	17
Phillips	2	2	6
Cook	1		2
Barham	2		4
Fulton	1		2
Lyle	8		16
	21	6	48

NESHOBA

PLAYER	FG	FT	Pts.
Eakes	5	4	14
Marshall	2	3	7
Nelson		2	2
Moorehead	6	1	13
Stuart	1	2	4
Anthony	6		12
	20	12	52

SEMI-FINALS

1st Game

SCOTT

PLAYER	FG	FT	Pts.
Puckett	2		4
Powell	5		10
Sigest	4	1	9
Pryor	2	3	7
Brown	3	5	11
	16	9	44

WINSTON

PLAYER	FG	FT	Pts.
Jennings	3	6	12
Kemp	3	3	9
Croft	6		12
Slaughter	3		6
Parker	1		2
Johnson	3		6
	19	9	47

Coach George Abraham shows interested students the fundamentals. From left to right: Mr. Abraham, Marianne Mattthews, Joe Graham, Mary Ann McDonald, Cindy James, and Vicki Patterson.

EC Tennis Team—Shaping Up

The East Central tennis team, coached by George Abraham, is begining to look forward to its first match.

The weather has hampered practice lately, not to mention spring holidays. All in all, the team has made remarkable progress against the conditions. There is no grass sod on the bare ground immediately behind the courts and everyone has become quite expert in dodging the mudholes. We can testify to the fact that the inconvenience sharpens the individual's game. One seems to naturally try harder to get the ball back across the net rather than let it go into the muddy mire.

TEAMS NOT SELECTED YET

As of this writing, the teams are not selected. The unfortunate weather, and the late start has handicapped the choice of individuals for the teams. Many people are late getting into form after the long winter months of inactivity on the courts. Mr. Abraham is working desperately to put everyone's game together, but as of now few have gotten back into form. There will be eight members for each of the teams, both men's and women's teams. The first match should show the teams just how much work is needed.

The first match will be against Hinds to be held there at 3:00 P.M. on March 24. We have some inside information that Hinds was also late getting started and are not real sharp at the moment. It sounds like music to our ears!

EAST CENTRAL TENNIS SCHEDULE

March 24 — Hinds — there	3:00
March 21 — Jones — there	3:00
April 1 — Southwest — there	3:00
April 14 — Perkinston — there	3:00
April 17 — Southwest — here	3:00
April 18 — Jones — here	3:00
April 25 — Perkinston — here	3:00
May 3 — State Tennis Match — Jackson — Battlefield Park	3:00

ECJC Warriors Drop Exhibition Baseball Game To Scooba Lions

The East Central baseball team, under the direction of Coach Billy Baucum, lost a scoring fracas with the East Mississippi Lions on Wednesday, March 12, by the score of 9-15.

The game was classed as exhibition and will not be counted on the record books. This was East Central's first outing. The Scooba Lions had played two previous games. The Warriors had had only three days on the field to practice due to bad weather, and were hardly a seasoned team.

The Warriors looked good in the opening four innings and jumped to a commanding 9-1 lead behind the pitching of Kenny York of Philadelphia. York had walked only two men and had given up only six scattered hits when, in the fifth inning, a line drive shot hit him on his pitching arm. Three plays later York again injured the arm tagging a man out at the plate.

Gerald Russeli replaced the injured York and was not able to contain the charging Lions. Daniel Solomon relieved Russell, but was also unable to hold the Scooba team. T. J. Jennings was then called upon and finally succeeding in batting the rampaging Lions. Jennings gave up one walk and one hit in the last two innings, but it was too late and the game ended 15-9 for the Lions. The winning pitcher for Scooba was Dan Reese of Starkville, who relieved Larry Stephens in the third inning.

The bright spots in EC's hitting were the four hits in five times at bat by Joe Lynn Roberts, a three for five by T. J. Jennings and a two for five by Gary Gordon. Roberts and Gordon, both from Forest, stole three bases each, and all of their hits were singles. Jennings collected two singles and a triple.

Other Warriors getting a hit were Robert Dorman, one for four; Jack Skinner, one for five; Mack Brashier, one for five; and Kenneth York, one for two.

Recap

The team looked good until York was injured. Then everything began to go uphill for the Warriors. As Coach Baucum said, "There were just too many mental mistakes. The more we tried, the worse it got. But we learned, and because it was an exhibition game. It won't count against us. I sure am glad."

We are, too, Coach, and we are looking forward to better days which are not very far off. We have a good team, and with a little practice, it could be real tough. The boys got thirteen hits off Scooba, and usually that is enough to win a ballgame. York and Jennings gave some good efforts in pitching, and that area of the game will fall into place with a little practice and playing. A few less mistakes and EC is going to be tough.

The next game will also be away at Jones. The game will be played next Thursday, March 27. See you there.

Second Game

NESHOBA

PLAYER	FG	FT	Pts.
Eakes	7	2	16
Marshall	6	1	13
Nelson	2	2	6
Moorehead	2	5	9
Stuart		3	3
Watkens	1		2
Anthony	7	2	16
	25	15	65

NEWTON

PLAYER	FG	FT	Pts.
Lucroy, R.	4	1	9
Brown	2	4	8
Lucroy, J.	4	2	10
Saddler	1		2
Smith	2	3	7
Link	5	3	13
Griffis	2	2	6
	20	15	55

SPORTS FORUM

By David Rives

Spring Has Sprung (?) and so Has Sports

Well, it's that time of year again when a sports fan's fancy turns to baseball, tennis, and track.

Baseball is trying desperately to put on a new face and come out of oblivia. It is fairly hard to do, as baseball's big wigs are finding out. But, give credit where credit is due—they ARE trying. The last few years, they haven't even bothered to do that.

The new baseball commissioner, Bowie Kuhn, has his hands full. Kuhn is labeled "temporary." While they're at it, baseball just might be labeled the same. Kuhn is essentially considered an owner's man. He worked for the National League owners for several years. No big fuss has been made though, so he must be a fairly decent choice. Usually someone is going to cry "Foul!" if a newly appointed man blinks his eyes twice.

As we have already stated, baseball is trying to regain the top position in the sports world. The leagues have divided into two divisions—an east and a west division.

That was the first bright idea they have come up with in years.

We have noticed lately that the newspapers are giving special attention to baseball. We hope it is not a build-up for a let-down. The way we see it, baseball needs one thing—some good hitters!

Right now, there are few good hitters. Pity 'tis true, 'tis true 'tis pity. Three dozen .300 hitters would be all baseball really needs. The way the leagues are expanding, though, that would only leave about one .300 hitter to a team.

That brings up another fault of baseball today. The leagues are expanding themselves out of existence. The owners create new franchises to lose money on. There is simply not enough big league talent to go around.

There is going to be an interesting happening in baseball this year. The new expansion teams are going to prove what everyone has been saying for some time—that big league baseball is no longer big league. If the expansion teams do well, it will prove that the leagues are very, very weak. The last expansion clubs did not do too well. They finished in the cellar. If the new clubs finish anywhere near the cellar, something is wrong. We will wait and we will see.

Winston Wins Basketball Intramurals

by David Rives

The Winston County Boys won the EC basketball intramurals played recently by defeating Neshoba County by the score of 66-59 in the East Central gymnasium on Tuesday night, March 11. The Winston boys were led by player - coach T. J. Jennings of Louisville. Other members of the team were Thomas Croft, Johnny Johnson, Cecil Kemp, Jimmy Slaughter, David Chambliss, Danny Coward, Ronnie Pace, and Ladell Parker. The Winston team used superior height, a good offense, and a stiff defense to beat Neshoba in the finals.

The teams were coached by members of the East Central basketball team. Newton County was coached by Larry Gressett. Scott County was coached by Sammy Pace assisted by Gary Gordon. Neshoba was coached by Keith Madison and Robert Dorman guided Leake County.

The Leake boys lost to Neshoba in the opening game. The game was necessary to gain a berth in the semi-finals. The score wound up 52-48 in favor of the Neshoba boys. This game gave Neshoba a place in the semi-finals.

Semi - Finals

Scott County was designated as the visitors and Winston County as the home team in the first game of the semifinals. The Winston County team won 47-41 and gained an entrance in the finals.

The second game pitted Neshoba County against Newton County. The score was 67-55 in a run-and-gun type game that brought the fans' cheers.

Finals

The finals were played with Neshoba as home team and Winston as the visitors. The first quarter produced a fast paced game. The quarter score ended at 19-18 in favor of Winston. The second quarter slowed the game and at the half Winston led by four points 30-26. The Winston boys led by Jennings, Croft, and Kemp never gave up the lead and by the end of the third quarter were ahead 51-44. The final score stood 66-59.

Recap

The basketball intermurals are an integral part of EC's campus life. This is shown each year as the students participate in the various intramural sports. The Winston boys played great ball and deserve all the praise they can get.

One of the team coaches, who wishes to remain anonymous, was asked to comment on the tournament. He stated, "Well, we lost!" Great words from a great sportsman, which only goes to show we all hate to lose.

All-Star Team

This year an All - Star Team has been selected from the various teams. The selections were made by the East Central Athletic Department. The individuals were selected according to individual effort as well as team effort. They are: Thomas Croft of Winston County; T. J. Jennings of Winston; Ralph Eakes of Neshoba; Lamar Moorehead of Neshoba; Paul Lyle of Leake; Tim Puckett of Scott; and Jimmy Lucroy of Newton. Congratulations to you All - Stars!

FINALS

NESHOBA

PLAYER	FG	FT	Pts.
Eakes	10	2	22
Anthony	6		12
Moorehead	8	2	18
Marshall	2		4
Nelson	1		2
Tucker		1	1
	27	5	59

WINSTON

PLAYER	FG	FT	Pts.
Jennings	9	7	25
Croft	6	2	14
Johnson	2		4
Kemp	4	4	12
Slaughter	4		8
Chambliss	1	1	3
	26	14	66

The Tom-Tom

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Phi Theta Kappans Plan To Attend Annual Convention

Several members of the Theta XI chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, national honorary fraternity, plan to attend the 51st national convention to be held at Christian College in Columbia, Missouri.

The convention program will be filled with many interesting and varied activities, such as dinners, work shops, and tours which will help to make Phi Theta Kappa more important and meaningful to the individual members.

The main speaker will be James Wadsworth Symington, who will address the convention following the first general session, April 13. Mr. Symington, member of the 91st Congress, has held several important posts, including Chief of Protocol under Lyndon Johnson. Many other important speakers, such as Dr. Ray Lindly, president of the University of Americas in Mexico City, and Debbie Bryant, Miss America of 1966, will also be present.

Several members, along with Mrs. Alyne Simmons, sponsor of Theta XI, and Denver Brackeen, Academic dean, will attend the convention. Those planning to attend are: Bettye Lewis, Linda Lathem, Gail Fulton, Gloria Sanders, Frances Stuart, Wanda Rushing, Audrey Boggan, Sonya Weaver, Nan Evans, and Gail Gray.

STUDENT BODY ELECTIONS APRIL 8

SBA OFFICERS

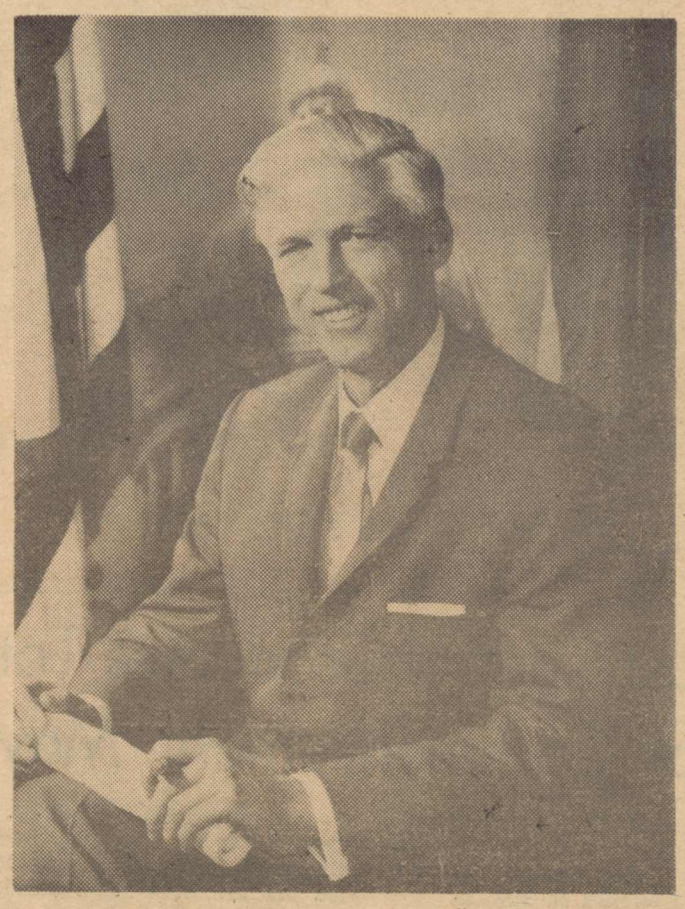
TEACHER OF THE YEAR

Annual Scheduled For May Arrival

The 1968-69 edition of the Wo-He-Lo is scheduled to arrive early in May. Mrs. Huli, annual sponsor, announces that this year's annual will be the largest East Central has ever had because of the increased student enrollment. Many interesting and unusual features will be used that have not previously been used. These include a panorama of the front campus for the design of the book cover, and more color pictures inside.

The 1968-69 edition of the Wo-He-Lo includes the following: Diane Freeny and Wanda May, co-editors; Sports editor: Wanda May, Patricia Shephard, Mike Edwards; Freshman class editors: Wanda Rushing, Mary Ann McDonald, Janice Steed, Brenda Jones, Linda Kelly; Sophomore class editors: Betty Eichelberger, Judy McKee, Donna McCoy, Karen Van Wye, Sandra Waggoner; Faculty editors: Diane Freeny, Joan Breeland, Frances Stuart, Bettye Lewis; and organizations and activity editors: Marilyn Burrow, Sherri Whinnery, Cheryl Harrell, Alice Jane Bryan, Jimmie Daniels, Maudeen McAdory, Clenda Hillman.

A lot of hard work and long hours have gone into the making of the 1968-69 Wo-He-Lo. The annual staff hopes that the student body will be as pleased with the results as they are when it is presented in assembly on Awards Day.



LT. GOVERNOR CHARLES L. SULLIVAN will address the first meeting of the Student Council Association of Mississippi. This meeting will be held April 15 at East Central.

First Meeting Of SCAM To Be Held At East Central

Lt. Governor Charles Sullivan will be guest speaker

Another first for Mississippi and for East Central came into being with the establishment of the Student Council Association of Mississippi, which includes student leaders from eleven junior colleges in the state. The purpose of this organization is (1) to discuss problems that face junior college Student Body Associations, and (2) to foster a spirit of fellowship and cooperation among the Mississippi Junior Colleges.

SCAM, as the organization will be called, began when the Junior College Association, composed of all public junior colleges, voted to organize a junior college student government association. A meeting was then called in which the student personnel directors from each college worked up an acceptable constitution for the organization. At a later date all junior colleges were invited to send their personnel directors or sponsors of student body associations, along with two student representatives, to an organizational meeting in Jackson. They were asked to approve the Constitution and to elect temporary offices to serve until the first regular meeting.

SCAM will hold its first regular meeting on the campus of East Central Junior College on Tuesday, April 15, 1969, from 10 A.M. until 4 p.m. Featured speaker for this meeting will be Lt. Governor Sullivan, who will speak to the representatives concerning the importance of such an organization.

The following is a tentative schedule of the meeting:

9:30 — 10:00 — Registration (auditorium)

Call to order — President

Invocation

Roll Call — Secretary

Reading and approval of minutes

10:10—11:00—Business

11:00—11:15—Recess

11:15—12:00—Business Resumes

12:00— 1:00—Lunch

1:00— 2:00—Program

2:00— 2:15—Recess

2:15— Further business

Election of officers for coming year

Schools taking part in this program will be East Central, Holmes, Perkinston, Jeff Davis, Mssissippi Delta. Northwest, Northeast, Hinds, Meridian, Pearl River, and Southwest.

SCAM meetings will be held semi-annually. The fall conference will be hosted by a school in the southern district and the spring conference by a school in the northern district. Host schools from each district shall be determined by an alphabetically arranged roll of those schools which are eligible in each area.

Honor Roll Released For First Grading Period

The honor roll for the first nine weeks of the second semester has recently been released. One hundred and thirty-one students maintained averages that enabled them to be included on the honor roll.

There were nine academic students and four vocational and part-time students who achieved a special distinction or 4.0 average. Those students, ranked by counties were:

Freshmen — Audrey Boggan, Jasper; Linda Gail Gray, Neshoba; Charles Larry Hamil, Neshoba; Sandra Dianne Holder, Neshoba; Julius Turner, Lake; Sherri Whinnery, Leake. Sophomores were: Mary Gail Fulton, Neshoba; Cecil Kemp, Winston; Linda Lathem, Scott. Vocational and part-time students include Barbara Deaton, Newton; James Don Gomillion, Leake; Franklin Guy Lewis, Leake; and Gayle McCarty, Newton.

Students maintaining a distinction or 3.50 average were:

Freshmen — Joan Breland, Neshoba; Nona Butler, Scott; Nanell Evans, Newton; Joyce Freeman, Newton; Brenda Jones, Neshoba; Cecil Jordan, Leake; Frank David Rives, Newton; Judy Irons Rudolph, Neshoba; Patsy Sadler, Newton; Janet Stampley, Newton; Sonya Weaver, Newton; Anita Marie Williams, Newton.

Sophomores — Lynn Lofton Anthony, Neshoba; Miriam Barber, Scott; Rachel Barrett, Neshoba; Ann Byas, Scott; Lee Clarke, Winston; Sandra Clark, Leake; Arlene Edwards, Newton; Ricky Dale Gibbs, Newton; Alice M. Goolsby, Lake; Beverly Jane Greenwood, Newton; Elaine Madison, Neshoba; Gerald Mayes, Newton; Tommy Joe Miles, Winston; Hugh James Parker, Jasper; Carol Riser, Scott; Jolene Savell, Neshoba; Sandra Kay Smith, Newton; Kenneth White, Newton; and Douglas Whitehead, Neshoba.

Students maintaining honorable mention or 3.0 average, also ranked by counties, include:

Freshmen — Pamela Cliburn, Newton; Kathy Cole, Winston; Donna Coward, Scott; Jimmie Daniels, Neshoba; Roger Davis, Newton; Frances Everett, Newton; Tanya Henry, Neshoba; Logan Hill, Neshoba; Joe Hayward Hodge, Winston; Lee Ann Hollingsworth, Newton; Dottie Jean Horn, Scott; Richard Larry Jones, Scott; Charles Wayne Lasher, Scott; Ruth Ann Majure, Newton; Dan Marshall McCormick, Scott; Mary Ann McDonald, Scott; Clarence McMillan, Scott; Larry Mills, Neshoba; Virginia Mitchell, Winston; Patsy Ann Nester, Scott; Wanda Rushing, Leake; Nancy Karan Van Wye, Leake; Sandra Waggoner, Leake; Patricia Watkins, Newton; John Fredrick Weeks, Scott; Agnes Faye Williams, Newton; Steven Arnold Willis, Newton; and Charles Wright Jr., Newton.

Sophomores — Carl Beckham, Leake; James Bales, Scott; Fred M. Brasher, Newton, Russell Brown, Newton; Linda Chandler, Winston; Carolyn Clark, Newton; Donna Crawford, Neshoba; Linnie Dabbs, Leake; James Larry Duran, Winston; Larry Ezell, Newton; Diane Freeny, Leake; Donald Fuller, Scott; James Larry Golden, Scott; John Joseph Graham, Huntsville, Ala.; Barbara Ann Halford, Scott; Nancy Henderson, Leake; Barbara Ingram, Leake; William Idom, Newton; Benjamin Johnson, Neshoba; William E. Jones, Scott; Esther Kennedy, Scott; Brenda Kenton, Leake; Bruce Lee Lewis, Newton; Betty Lewis, Leake; Carl Ray Massey, Scott; Wandalyn May, Scott; Sandra McCrory, Newton; Judy McKee, Newton; Gary McPhail, Leake; Susanne Milling, Newton; Martha Moulds, Newton; Mary Charles Naish, Hinds, William Phillips, Leake; Dianne Ray, Winston; Judy Rives, Leake; Gloria Sanders, Scott; Elaine Seal, Newton; Thomas Shockley, Lowndes, Barney Michael Skinner, Neshoba; Roger Smith, Neshoba; Susan Stutts, Scott; Elaine Tripp, Leake; Frances Townsend, Leake; Gary Walker, Neshoba; Hugh Wiley Wnstead, Neshoba.

Vocational and Part-time — David Bounds, Newton; Jimmy Chesnut, Scott; Linda Hansford, Newton; Jo Lynn Holley, Newton; Charles Sonny Magers, Scott; Larry Parks, Newton; Elisabeth Rowell, Newton; James Scoggin, Newton; Richard Shoemaker, Scott; Van Richard Taylor, Winston; Robert Walton, Newton; and Holland Ray Wright, Winston.

TOP SCHOLARS Students achieving a 4.0 average for the first nine weeks are from, left to right, (first row) Junior Kemp, Audrey Boggan, Linda Lathem, Gail Gray; (second row) Diane Holder, Gail Fulton, Julius Turner, and Sherri Whinnery.

-EDITORIALS-

Let's See Your Card, Son?

Summer is fast approaching. School is drawing to a close. For some students this will be the climax of their education. They will be going out into the competitive business world. Others will continue their education at senior colleges. But both groups will be asked the same question, "What kind of grades did you make, son?"

"What kind of grades did you make son?" is a question that each person must answer for himself. Nine weeks grades have gone out to the students. These grades are indications of the progress being made in one's various courses. It is not too late to do something about this semester's grades. Get down with the books and notes and work to improve those grades. Strive to put the best into the remaining weeks of school. The effort will not be wasted, and the dividends will be great. Remember that the future could depend on the answer to the question, "what kind of grades did you make, son?"

L. L.

Or Mommy Will Spank You!

It has been noted lately, expressly by the press, that the United States and Communist North Viet Nam are going through much the same formalities and name-calling that preceeded the ending of the Korean conflict and subsequent "peace" settlement.

Much confusion, turmoil, and general uproar has been made by the Communists. It seems as if the United States will tolerate the Communist attacks and aggressions only to a certain level and will talk to the Communist negotiators only if the level is not exceeded. Several Washington proclamations have been handed down lately, stating that unless North Viet Nam and the Viet Cong cease their highly belligerent activities and resume a more peaceful course of action, then all negotiations will be severed and canceled. In other words, the Washington policymakers are willing to go on with a small, peaceable (maybe eternal, but that does not matter) war, and let negotiations proceed as they will for a few months or years. But these same policymakers are not willing for the Communists to shoot at our boys with too much enthusiasm. We wonder if the policy-makers expect a leopard to change his spots. It is not in the Communists to be peace-loving enemies. Yet, the policy-makers are trying their best to make the Communists into something they are not. It is amusing in a way, bewildering in another, and angering in any way to think of Washington's make-believe world in Viet Nam. The entire situation reminds us of the lenient and doting mother, who is forever telling her small child to quit some mischievious act, by scolding, "Now don't do that Junior, or Mommy will spank you!" Most or all of the time, the child goes unpunished. This is what worries us!

D. R.

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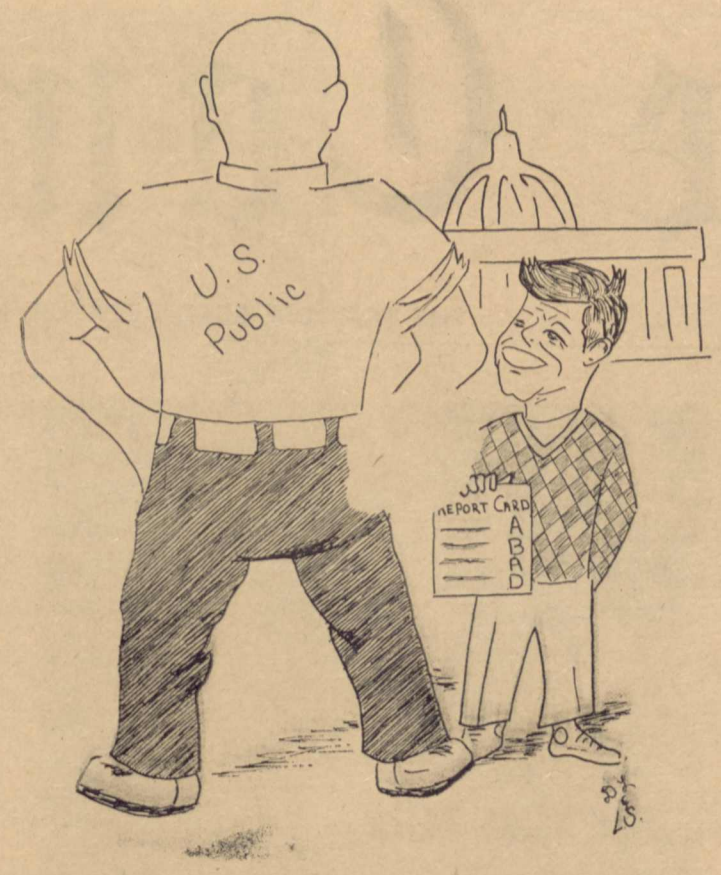

Let's see your card, son

Attention!

Nominations of Students For

HALL OF FAME

Must be submitted before 3:20 p.m., April 14, 1969, to the TOM-TOM office in a sealed envelope.

East Central Graduates Total 182 For Commencement, May 23, 1969

A total of 182 students will receive diplomas or certificates at East Central Junior College's Commencement Exercises on May 23.

These 182 represent 14 curriculums. Liberal Arts has the largest number of candidates with 72.

The other curriculums and number of candidates are as follows: agriculture. 2: business administration, 21; business education, 5; education, 25; industrial education 3; pre-dental, 1; pre-engineering, 5; pre-pharmacy, 1; home economics, 4.

Music, 7; secretarial science, 9; drafting technology, 1; physical education 5; one-year business, 18.

The following applications for graduation have been tentatively approved pending satisfactory completion of this semester with the necessary quality-point average. The non-refundable graduation fee of $8.00 is being charged to your account in the Business Office.

Allen, Scotty Ray, Liberal Arts; Allison, Thomas Irvin, Liberal Arts; Agent, Gary Lynn, Liberal Arts; Anderson, James William, Business Administration; Anthony, Patricia Lynn Lofton, Education; Barber, Miriam, Education; Barrett, Rachel Jo, Education; Beckham, Carl Steven, Liberal Arts; Bishop, Joe, Liberal Arts; Blass, Nancy Charlotte, Intensive Business; Boles, James D., Pre-Pharmacy; Boydston, Phillip Kelly, Liberal Arts; Boyles, Bob H., Business Administration; Brown, Charles W., Physical Education; Brown, Russell Lynn, Liberal Arts; Bruce, Ruth Roxanna, Intensive Business; Bufkin, Mary Ann, Intensive Business; Bruns, Martha, Liberal Arts; Byas, Ann Marie, Music; Carpenter, Ronnie, Liberal Arts; Carr, Roger Lee, Jr., Business Administration; Carroll, Carolyn K., Liberal Arts; Chancellor, Mary Louise, Liberal Arts; Chandler, Linda Carol, Physical Education; Clark, Carolyn J., Business Education; Clark, Sandra, Education; Clarke, Lee Oliver, Liberal Arts; Coleman, Shirley Elizabeth, Liberal Arts; Comans, Linda Anita, Liberal Arts; Copeland, Roger Lynn, Liberal Arts; Cosgrove, Linda Mae, Intensive Business; Craig, Linda GeLaine, Liberal Arts; Crawford, Donna June, Home Economics; Croft, Thomas Edwin, Jr., Business Administration; Dabbs, Linnie Kay, Music; Daugherty, Charles Reginald, Music; Davidson, John Scotty, Business Administration; Dickinson, Kathryn Rebecca, Intensive Business; Dorman, Robert O., Education; Duran, James Larry, Industrial Education; Edwards, Sara Arlene, Liberal Arts; Eichelberger, Betty Emily, Liberal Arts; Ellis, Robert G., Liberal Arts; Ezell, Larry O., Pre-Engineering; Freeny, Martha Diane. Liberal Arts; French, Pamela, Education; Fuller, Donald Edward, Liberal Arts; Fulton, Kathern Beckham, Education; Fulton, Mary Gail, Liberal Arts; Fulton, Simon Dan, Jr., Liberal Arts;

George, Anthony Eugene, Liberal Arts; Gibbs, Ricky Dale, James Larry, Agriculture; Goolsby, Alice Merril, Education; Graham, John Joseph, Liberal Arts; Graham, Norma J., Education; Gray, Sandra, Liberal Arts; Greenwood, Beverly Jane, Liberal Arts; Gressett, Charles Larry, Education; Griffin, Sylvia Beth, Business Education; Hancock, Terry, Liberal Arts; Hansford, Linda, Secretarial Science; Harrell, Tommy, Physical Education; Harrison, James M., Education; Hatch, Michael, Business Administration; Hawkins, Garnett L., Jr., Liberal Arts; Henderson, Nancy Lee, Liberal Arts; Herring, Velma Diane, Education; Hill, Linda, Physical Education; Hillman, Billy James, Liberal Arts; Hodges, Roger, Liberal Arts; Holdiness, Sam, Business Administration; Horton, Robert Glenn, Liberal Arts; Houston, James Edwin, Jr., Liberal Arts; Howell, David Michael, Business Administration; Ingram, Barbara Glyn, Education; Irons, Barry Trent, Pre-Engineering; Jennings, Tony L., Business Administration; Johnson, Benjamin L., Pre-Dental; Johnson, Lamar, Drafting Technology; Joiner, Gary Wayne, Business Administration; Vance, Jeannie Dell, Secretarial Science; Jones, William Easom Peek, Jr., Liberal Arts; Jordan, Robert Gerald, Industrial Education; Kea, Beverly S., Intensive Business; Kemp, Cecil, Jr., Liberal Arts; Kennedy, Esther, Liberal Arts; Killingsworth, Jerry Lynn, Liberal Arts; Kinton, Brenda, Secretarial Science; Laing, Billy Gerald, Business Administration; Lathem, Linda, Education; Lewis, Bettye Sue, Home Economics; Lowry, Laura Cornelia, Secretarial Science; Lucroy, Roy Neal, Liberal Arts; Lundy, William Harold, Liberal Arts; Lyle, Sara Lee, Liberal Arts; Madison, Elaine, Education; Majure, Jim, Liberal Arts; Massey, Carl Ray, Liberal Arts; May, Wandalyn Jane, Education; Mayes, Gerald Wayne, Pre-Engineering; McCrory, Kenneth Michael, Business Administration; McCrory, Sandra Carol, Education; McGrew, Gwendolyn, Liberal Arts; McKee, Judy Cheryl, Home Economics; McPhail, Gary M., Liberal Arts; Meador, William Earl, Pre-Engineering; Miles, Emily, Intensive Business; Miles, Tommy Joe, Education;

Milling, Suzanne, Secretarial Science; Mitchell, Brenda Kaye, Business Education; Moore, Richard David, Physical Education; Moulds, Martha Ann, Liberal Arts; Mowdy, Larry Hermes, Liberal Arts; Musgrove, Danny H., Business Administration; Naish, Mary Charles, Liberal Arts; Nicholson, Betty Gail, Business Education; Nicholson, Ronald, Business Admnistration; Nicholson, Peggy June, Education; Nowell, Sam M., Pre-Engineering; Pace, Samuel Carson, Education; Parker, Kenneth Ladell, Liberal Arts; Parker, Linda Fay, Education; Patrick, Linda Karol, Liberal Arts; Peagler, Jerry L., Music; Phillips, William Frances, Liberal Arts; Pierce, Willie Joe, Liberal Arts; Poe, Sandra Kay, Intensive Business; Pouncey, James Curt, Liberal Arts; Powell, Michael Ray, Business Administration; Puckett, Timothy Lambert, Business Administration; Ray, Cynthia Dianne, Liberal Arts; Rester, Deborah Jean, Education; Risher, Carol Ann, Liberal Arts; Rives, Judith Ruth, Liberal Arts; Sanders, Charles Ray, Liberal Arts; Sanders, Donna Kaye, Intensive Business; Sanders, Gloria Marlese, Music; Sanders, Sandra Joy, Liberal Arts; Savell, Celia Jolene, Business Education; Seal, Terissa Elaine, Liberal Arts; Sharp, Joan S., Intensive Business; Sharp, John Egbert, Jr., Liberal Arts; Shelton, Margaret, Intensive Business; Sigrest, Billy Ray, Liberal Arts; Skinner, Barney Michael, Liberal Arts; Skinner, Jack Keith, Liberal Arts; Slaughter, James Phillip, Business Administration; Smith, Kenneth Wayne, Liberal Arts; Smith, Roger W., Farm Management; Smith, Sandra Kay, Education; Steed, Janice Marie, Secretarial Science; Stokes, Bedelia Karen, Secretarial Science; Stokes, James Rodney, Industrial Education; Stribling, Edward Perry, Jr., Liberal Arts; Tingle, Nancy Carol, Secretarial Science; Tolbert, Peggy, Music; Townsend, Frances Valeria, Home Economics; Tripp, Elaine, Liberal Arts; Trippe, Randolph, Liberal Arts; Vance, Velma Elizabeth, Intensive Business; Vaughn, Frances Louise, Intensive Business; Walker, Gary L., Business Administration; Walker, Sherry, Secretarial Science; Wallace, Don E., Music; Walton, Kathy Dianne, Liberal Arts; Ware, Sandra Rebecca, Intensive Business; Warren, Becky, Liberal Arts; Webb, Diane, Liberal Arts; White, Annabelle, Liberal Arts; White, Shirley Jane, Intensive Business; White, Kenneth Ray, Education; Whitehead, Douglas R., Agriculture; Williams, Anita Marie, Intensive Business; Winstead, Hugh Wiley, Liberal Arts; Winstead, Shannon Elaine, Intensive Business; Wolfe, Geraldine, Intensive Business; Wooten, Melvin Arnold, Business Administration; York, Kenneth H., Liberal Arts; Young, Donald McLain, Liberal Arts; Zdenek, Jimmy Franklin, Business Administration.

STUDENT LEADERS of East Central met with Dean Jim Lightsey to plan for the first meeting of SCAM. Barry Irons, Brenda Kinton, Janice Steed, and Sam Nowell discussed plans for the impending visit of Lt. Governor Charles Sullivan.

Rev. J. L. Neill, Wesley Director, Retires After Thirteen Years Service

Plans To Visit Foreign Countries

by Sandra Hill

"Two roads diverged in a wood, and I took the one less traveled by, and that has made all the difference."

The above words, written by Robert Frost, may be applied to the life of East Central's Wesley leader, Reverend J. L. Neill. He seems to have traveled that road many times; and, in a few days, Brother Neill will again take the road less traveled by, when he begins a trip to Prague, Czechoslovakia, where he will further he work in the Methodist Church.

Brother Neill, a son of the late Charles and Nellie Neill, was born January 17, 1882 in Jasper County. After attending the community schools in Montrose Mississippi, he entered Millsaps College in Jackson; and while in college he taught everything from writing to Latin in a one room school in his boyhood home of Montrose for three years. In 1906 he received his bachelor of science degree from Millsaps and then became general secretary of the Young Men's Christian Association at the Georgia School of Technology. Later he joined the Mississippi Conference of the Methodist Church; and this seems to have brought him to a road in life, for since then he has given his time to the Methodist Ministry, serving as pastor of churches at Pass Christian, Magee, Lorman, Hattiesburg, and Laurel, Mississippi. For two years he was secretary of the Sunday School Board and the Conference Board of Missions. He also directed the religious education of the Methodist Church, South, with headquarters at Nashville, Tennessee.

At the last of World War I, Brother Neill was sent by the United States Government, at the pay of $1 a year to Czechoslovakia to help take care of the needy. However, most of those he helped were at one time very wealthy; but because of the war had lost their money and homes. Right in the middle of all this organizing, the war ended and Brother Neill was left with the money that had no purpose now. A group of prominent men, including Brother Neill, met to decide a useful way to spend this money. Brother Neill said he was for spending it on education but suddenly in the middle of the meeting he saw that it should go to help establish a Methodist Church for a city without one. This was agreed upon by the committee and plans for the churches got underway, however, there was one small problem, it was illegal to build or buy a house over there. The land and house were separately owned and to buy a house all one had to do was to buy the land, therefore, leaving no choice but to move out. Well Brother Neill was always one to follow the phrase of killing two birds with one stone; so, he bought eighteen saloons and, with the help of Christian Czechoslovakians, converted them into beautiful churches. He was, in fact, getting rid of the unneeded liquor and getting the needed churches.

After four years in Prague, he felt he was needed in the United States, so he came home. Since his return, he has been pastor of the Methodist Church at Yazoo City, the First Methodist Church at Gulfport, the Crawford Street Church at Vicksburg, the First Methodist Episcopal Church at Brookhaven, the Jefferson Street Methodist Church of Natchez, just to name a few.

It has been said that behind every great man there is also a great woman and this is also true in Brother Neill's case. On June 9, 1908, Brother Neill was married to Miss Edith Reed of Jackson and, until her death, she was always a great help to her husband. They had one child, a daughter, who is also very well known on East Central campus. She is Mrs. Nellie Cross, wife of East Central's chemistry teacher, Mr. F. M. Cross. Mrs. Cross will head Wesley after Brother Neill leaves.

A few other things to point to the promiment man that Brother Neill is, is the fact that he now belongs to the Phi Kappa Alpha fraternity and the Pi Gamma Nu, an honorary fraternity in social science. He is also a member of the International Society of Theta Phi, an honor society for ministers and religious workers, the Kiwanis Club of Brookhaven; and the Rotary Club of Vicksburg and Gulfport. Another great work of Brother Neill is his organization of a School for Christian workers in Havana, Cuba in 1922.

Brother Neill has also appeared in several books such as: **Religious Leaders of America, Who's Who In The Methodist Church, Who's Who In Pan Methodism, Biographical History of Mississippi.** In October, 1969 his name and works will appear in the **Dictorary of International Biography** which will be distributed to one hundred and nine countries.

There are two things about Bro. Neill that are very unusual, the first one being the fact that he flew from Brussels to London in 1922 before anyone in America, including Charles Lindberg. The second thing interesting about Bro. Neill is that he is one of the very few people who can trace his family back before Moses.

As mentioned before, Bro. Neill is about to leave for Czechoslovakia to help with the Methodist Churches over there. He has been saving money to go back for several years and a few years ago he had enough money but gave it all to Millsaps College to further one of his great loves — education. Since then he has been continually saving and now has enough money to go back and help the people who are once again persecuted by the Communists.

When asked if he had a goal in life, he replied, "Yes, Christ-likeness, a goal I have never achieved." Athough Brother Neill may have never achieved his goal, there are many who would love to have come as close to it as he has.

Although E.C.J.C. has had Bro. Neill since June, 1954, he will be greatly missed by the faculty and students of E. C. when he embarks on a new road.

Rev. J. L. Neill, retiring director of the Wesley Foundation

Behind The Scenes on the TOM-TOM

"What goes to make up a **TOM - TOM?** is a question that is sometimes asked of a **TOM - TOM** staff member. There are many things that must be considered in the make-up of a paper. The following is a typical sketch of what takes place:

(1) The offices and other sources are checked for articles that can be included in forthcoming publications.

(2) Assignments are made by the editors to reporters. Assignments are usually made one week in advance.

(3) The reporters pick up assignments. Their main concern is to contact the source or sources for details concerning the assignments. The reporter then works the details into a rough draft. After correcting the article, he prepares a copy to hand in for proofing and correcting.

(4) After an article is turned in to the office it is read by the editors and the sponsor. If the article needs any corrections or additions these are done.

(5) The corrected article is given to the typists who type the article in form for the printers.

(6) The article is re-read by the editors and sponsor for correction in typing errors. The article is then headlined.

(7) All typed articles and pictures are delivered to the printer who sets up the paper into galley sheets.

(8) The galley sheets are returned to the staff. Again the articles are read and corrected for errors that may have occurred in printing.

(9) The second set of galley is cut out according to articles. Articles that can go on the front page are put into one pile, articles that are suited to the editorial page go on another, and so forth.

(10) The next step is like putting a jig-saw puzzle together. The articles are fitted onto the dummy sheets as they are to appear when the paper is completed. This step alone may take hours to complete.

The proceeding is but a sketch outline of the construction of a **TOM - TOM.** Other things that must be considered are:

(1) Who reads the paper? The **TOM - TOM** not only goes to the East Central students but the Board of Trustees, advertisers, and alumni. This must be carefully considered.

(2) What will the reader's impression of East Central be?

(3) Is what the article says libel or slanderous?

These are but a few of the questions that face the staff. Running a paper isn't play by any means.

Membership on the **TOM - TOM** staff is open to any student who wishes to give his time and energy to work on the paper. Freshmen students are especially encouraged to join the staff so that they may gain experience needed to run the paper for another year.

Nominations Open For Hall Of Fame

Each year East Central seeks to honor sophomores who have achieved highest student achievement in scholarship, leadership, personality, and character. This honor is accomplished through the Hall of Fame, and being elected to membership in the Hall of Fame is the highest honor an East Central student can attain.

Nominations for membership in the 1969 Hall of Fame may be made until Monday, April 14, and any student or faculty member may nominate any student he feels meets the stated qualifications.

A student, nominated for membership in this select group must meet the following standards. He must have attained a "B" average or better scholastically; shown initative and interest in academic work; rendered outstanding or persistent service to the school in activities which he has sponsored or undertaken; fulfilled to the best of his ability any request of him while occupying any position of responsibility (including elected offices or committees); exhibited approved ideals of character and completed three semesters of college work.

Each nomination must be accompanied by a list of the nominee's qualifications and-or positions of leadership. This must be placed in a sealed envelope and mailed to the TOM-TOM office or handed to Mrs. Cork, TOM-TOM sponsor. Every nomination must be signed by the person making the nomination. A person can nominate more than one individual.

The deadline for presenting nominations is 3:20 p. m., April 14. One factor in the selection of recipients for each honor will be the number of nominations received for each individual. It is important for each student and faculty member to nominate the person or persons he considers worthy of the honor, regardless of how many other people may be nominating him.

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EC Netters Edged By Jones Crew

by David Rives

The East Central tennis team, under the guidance of Coach George Abraham, played its second match of session against Jones Junior College Thursday, March 27. The match was played at Jones. The final scores in matches was won by Jones 6-2 in overall competition.

Much Improved

The EC netters were much improved over their showing at Hinds. The Hinds team whitewashed the EC team, but, against Jones, the East Central netters displayed a marked improvement.

In the number one girls' singles Sue Grafton of Jones defeated Linda Comans 6-0 and 6-1. In the number two girls' singles Christy Mauddin of Jones won over Sandy Smith 6-0 and 6-0.

Marrianne Matthews and Brenda Garvin lost to Peggy Goddard and Ann Downing 6-2 and 6-1. The number two doubles were won by Barbara Clark and Sue Beach of Jones 6-2 and 6-0 over Scottie Foreman and Amelia Kennedy of East Central.

Men's Matches

In the number one men's singles, John Williams breezed over David Rives in the opening set 6-2, but faltered in the last set and only managed to edge Rives 8-6.

One of the brighter spots in the match for EC was the men's second singles. Bruce Lewis of Newton totally dominated the court and won handily over Tom Waites 6-3 and 6-0. This was the second time these netters have met. Last year Waites edged Lewis, but Lewis would not be denied this year and whitewashed his opponent in two quick sets.

The number one doubles team, composed of Tim Puckett and Joe Sigrest, fell to Curley Williams and Sandy Meaders 6-2 and 6-3 in a hard fought battle. The Jones team used driving serves and hard volleying to defeat the EC team.

The other bright spot for EC came in the second doubles match. Don Wallace and Roger Carr blasted the Jones teams of Mike Bachman and Terry Hoffman in two fast sets of 6-1 and 6-3. Carr and Wallace used good volleying and consistent serving to defeat Bachman and Hoffman. The two big men of the tennis team were something to behold as they calmly and coolly defeated the Jones team.

Recap

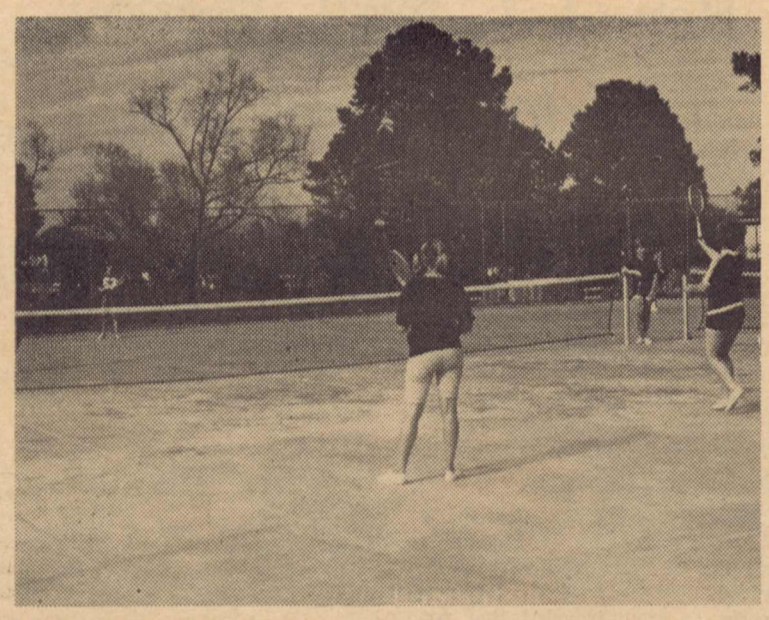
As mentioned before, the netters are quickly improving and by the end of the season be ready to surprise a few people. The girls did not win a set against Hinds or Jones, but the way they are improving it will not be a surprise when they do begin winning. Linda Comans and Sandy Smith are really beginning to play good tennis.

As far as men's tennis is concerned, they are improving by the minute. Bruce Lewis is looking better every time he steps out on the court. Bruce's game is getting quicker and sharper and he will probably play the greatest share of first singles. The other singles man is David Rives and even he is improving daily.

The first doubles team is composed of Tim Puckett and Joe Sigrest. Tim and Joe work well together, but have been up against two very fine teams at Hinds and Jones. These two men are going to be tough to beat with a little improvement.

The second doubles team of Don Wallace and Roger Carr looks good together as already mentioned and are on "cloud nine" after they whitewashed Jones. We hoped they can continue their heavenly journey all season long.

Coach Abraham was feeling poorly after Hinds. He spent most of the time coming back on the bus that night trying to make up excuses for the defeat. Things are now looking up and Coach is, too. When asked about the team, he stated, "We have made much progress and with the continued improvement we hope to win some matches and wind up the season on a good note!"



TENNIS ENTHUSIASTS are enjoying hours of practice on the new courts. The photo shows a game of doubles.

TOPICS: UNLIMITED

THROUGH THE LOOKING GLASS

By Alice of EC

Former Student Appointed To State Office

Sue Evans, 1967-68 **TOM-TOM** editor, was recently appointed State Corresponding Secretary for the Student MEA. Sue will replace Diane Shirley of Delta State College. In addition to serving as **TOM-TOM** editor, Sue was a member of Wesley, an officer in Phi Theta Kappa and SEA, a member of the Hall of Fame, and valedictorian of her graduating class. Sue is a junior at Mississippi State University.

Mrs. Cross Assumes Office of Wesley Director

Mrs. Frank Cross has assumed the position of Wesley director at the resignation of her father, Rev. J. L. Neill. Brother Neill served in this capacity for thirteen years. He will be missed by students and faculty alike as he leaves the Wesley Foundation for a visit to Czechoslovakie and Switzerland. The Wesley Foundation extends a warm welcome to Mrs. Cross and sends its best wishes with Brother Neill on his trip.

Deans Travel To Las Vegas

Deans Denver Brackeen and Jim Lightsey recently attended a guidance meeting in Las Vegas, Nevada. The meeting lasted approximately one week and was conducted to aid those working in the area of student guidance.

ECJC Players Turn Out Fine Performance

Congratulations to the ECJC Players for the fine performance of CATCH ME IF YOU CAN. The set is to be highly complimented. The actors gave a great performance that simply delighted their audience. Congratulations, Mr. Peterson, for a fine job of directing.

Phi Theta Kappa To Attend Convention

Approximately twelve students, Mrs. Simmons and Dean Brackeen will attend the Phi Theta Kappa National Convention in St. Louis, Missouri, April 12-16. This organization has worked diligently to make the money to finance the convention. There have also been some enjoyable moments. For instance the annual Phi Theta Kappa banquet which had as featured speaker Rev. Mark Killam, who spoke concerning marriage. The Gordon Room was decorated according to the theme of "Hitch Your Wagon to a Star." The evening meal was by candle light with soft music as a background. Phi Theta Kappa mixes play with work.

Band and Choir Tours

The EC concert band and the EC choir have recently been and will in the future make trips to various high schools in the five county area. The following is a schedule of the tours:

Band Tours

April 1, 1969—Union, Newton, Hickory
April 2, 1969—Edinburg, Carthage, Morton

Choir Tours

March 27, 1969—Decatur
April 10, 1969—Neshoba Central, Noxapater, Nanih Waiya
April 11, 1969—Sebastopol, Scott Central, Lake

The band and the choir will represent our school.

History Professor's Paper to be Published

At the recent meeting of the Mississippi Historical Society at the University of Southern Mississippi, Richard Ethridge of the history department read a paper he had written on Theodore G. Bilbo. Mr. Ethridge's paper was accepted by the Society for publication. Congratulations to Mr. Ethridge in achieving this honor.

SPORTS FORUM

By David Rives

Dreaming Of Cinder-Fellas

Every year about this time baseball, tennis, and track begin to hit the sports scene. Baseball is coined as the American sport. And here in Mississippi it is widely played and widely viewed. There are many people who can give the starting line-ups batting averages, and most anything else one cares to name about the various teams—whether they are high school, college, semi-pro, or pro. Baseball here at EC is a well-established sport.

Tennis is also in demand in the spring and summer and although the enthusiasm and interest are quickly growing here in Mississippi, tennis has a long way to go in the Mississippi sports scene. We hope it soon "makes the scene." We are fortunate that East Central has a fairly strong tennis program. Perhaps, things could be nicer, like say, the edges of the courts be planted in grass, but we at least have the basic essentials and a few interested persons.

The point of this article though, is to state that we are lacking in one major sport—track.

Track is a sport in the true sense of the word. The thrill, the excitement, the competition are all there. Track is an individual sport. Individuals may work and accomplish their dreams—to run a four minute mile, a 49-second 440 dash, a 22-foot long-jump. Each goal may be personal.

East Central does not have a track team. We wish it did. Track can build up other sports. The football player can gain more speed and stamina. Football is rough and it takes a man to play it well. It takes a man also to tackle a track assignment and do it well.

We have brought this subject up, for people to think about. Track is not something to be thought of lightly. We like to win! If and when East Central should field a track team, it should be with full intentions to make the sport well-established and permanent. Personally, we are ready to hear the official say, "Runners to your marks, get set . . . . Aren't you?

let's talk MISSISSIPPI

One of the major research projects in the national drug field is taking place at the University of Mississippi. The University's Research Institute of Pharmaceutical Sciences is "prospecting" for "'green gold" by testing numerous plants to determine if they possess medicinal or curative properties.

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The Tom-Tom

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Two Co-eds Enter EC Hall Of Fame

Two sophomore co-eds have been elected to the Hall of Fame at East Central. Linda Lathem and Gail Fulton were chosen recently by a panel of judges to receive the highest honor that can be attained by an ECJC student. They were chosen because of outstanding achievements in scholarship, leadership, personality, and character.

Linda Lathem, a resident of Sebastopol, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jim B. Lathem. Her scholastic achievements include a 4.0 average for the two years at East Central. Linda has demonstrated her leadership by serving as columnist for the Tom-Tom during her freshman year, and as co-editor this year. She has also served as reporter for Phi Theta Kappa, secretary of Sigma Tau Sigma, public relations director of Wesley, and a member of Delta Psi Omega, ECJC Players, and the Wo-He-Lo staff. Linda is secretary of SEA, and was recently elected as State Corresponding Secretary of SMEA. Her plans are to major in English and Journalism.

Gail Fulton is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Fulton of Philadelphia. While at East Central she has maintained a 3.91 average, and was the recipient of the Math award and the choral award during her freshman year. Gail has served in many capacities, including accompanist for the choir and Bel Cantos, pianist and treasurer of the Wesley Foundation, reporter for Alpha Alpha Epsilon, and is a member of Phi Theta Kappa and MENC. She has participated in talent programs, May Day programs, and intramurals. A math major, Gail plans to continue her education at the University of Southern Mississippi.

The pictures of these new members of the Hall of Fame will hang permanently at the auditorium entrance.

Gail Fulton

Linda Lathem

Instructors Named To 1969 Edition Of Outstanding Young Men Of America

Raymond McMullan, vocational-technical counselor, and Thomas Thrash, social studies instructor, have been selected for inclusion in the 1969 edition of Outstanding Young Men of America.

Outstanding Young Men is an annual biographical compilation featuring the accomplishments of approximately 5000 young men of outstanding rank throughout the United States.

Past U. S. Jaycees president, Doug Blankenship, who is serving as chairman of the Board of the 1969 edition, said that the men selected "have distinguished themselves in one or more fields of endeavor to the point of being outstanding." The men chosen are between the ages of 21 and 35.

McMullan

Raymond McMullan received his education at Stratton High School, East Central Junior College, and the University of Southern Mississippi where he received his B. S. and Master of Education degrees. He has done further work at Southern. He taught at Decatur High School for nine years and has been at E.C.J.C. since June, 1968. While senirvg at Decatur High School he was selected as the Outstanding Young Educator in 1968 and also received the Star Teacher award the same year.

He is a member of the Mississippi Guidance Association. the American Vocational Guidance Association, Junior College Counselors, E.C.J.C Faculty Club, Mississippi Education Association, Decatur Jaycees, and Clarke-Venable Baptist Church.

McMullan is married to the former Lois Foster of Union and they have two children, Mike and Sherri. Lois teaches math at Decatur High School.

Thrash

Tommy Thrash received his education at Newton High School, East Central Junior College, and Mississippi State University, where he received the B. A. and Master's degree in history. He has done further work at the University of Southern Mississippi. He has taught at East Central since 1962 and was selected as Teacher of the Year in 1964.

Thrash is active in civic affairs, being a member of the Jaycees, which he serves as a National Director at the present time. He is serving on the Board of Directors of the United States Jaycees and the Board of Directors of the Decatur Development Association. He has also worked with the March of Dimes and Boy Scouts.

Thrash has received many Jaycee honors which include Decatur Jaycee of the Year in 1967, Distinguished Service Award in 1967, Past President, Blue Ribbon Jaycee for three years, and the Lloyd Price Memorial Award as the Outstanding Area Vice-President in Mississippi in 1967-68.

At the present time he holds membership in the Mississippi Education Association, the Classroom Teachers Association, the East Central Faculty Club, and the Decatur Methodist Church.

Tommy Thrash and his wife, Jeanette, have two children, Mev and Melissa.

Tommy Thrash

Raymond McMullan

Prom Plans Announced

Plans for the East Central Junior College 1969 Prom were recently announced by Freshman sponsor George Abraham. The prom will be held Friday, April 25, in the gymnasium from 8:00 to 12:00 p.m. The band selected is the Electric Circuit.

This year invitations will be sent to students. Freshmen are reminded that they must pay their dues before they will be sent an invitation. Students will not be allowed inside without an invitation.

May 4-11

Fine Arts Week Features Many Varied Activities

The week of May 4-11 has been designated as Fine Arts Week at East Central Junior College. A full schedule of activities has been planned for the entire week, featuring the music, art, and drama departments. The activities will culminate with the Dedication and Open House for the Vocational - Technical and Agriculture - Technology Buildings. and with the traditional May Day program.

The week's events begin with a Sophomore music recital, May 4, at 3:00 p.m. The music majors and minors performing are: Ann Byas, pianist; Gloria Sanders, pianist; Linne Dabbs, pianist; Gail Fulton, organist; Peggy Tolbert, Soprano; Reggie Daughterty, baritone; Jerry Nance, bass; and Don Wallace, baritone horn.

The recital will be followed by a tea sponsored by the women of the Decatur Progressive Club, and an art exhibit. The art exhibit will be made up of works by East Central's art instructor, Micheal McCarty, and by some of his students. The art exhibit will remain on display for the public throughout the week.

Monday, May 5, the East Central Junior College music department will present the East Central Junior College Band in concert, under the direction of S. G. Seymore. The band will present a repertoire of various stages and periods of music. This concert will begin at 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, May 6, the East Central Junior College choir will present a concert consisting of both sacred and secular music. This program will be followed by an operetta, **Down In the Valley**, by Kurt Weill. This will also be presented by the choir. The cast of the operetta includes: Mack Jackson, leader; Sonya Weaver, Jennie Parsons; Ronnie White, Brack Weaver; Jerry Peagler, Thomas Bouche; Jerry Nance, the preacher; and Sam Bounds, Jennie's father. This program will begin at 7:30.

Thursday, May 8, has been chosen this year as the day of East Central's annual May Day celebration. At 2:00 p.m., the dedication of the new Vocational - Technical building will take place with a ribbon-cutting and open house to follow immediately. Mr. A. P. Fatherree, State Vocational Director from Jackson, will be the speaker. Invitations are made to all interested persons. Another open house will be held Sunday May 11, from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.

At 3:00 p.m., the art exhibit will again be open to the public. At 5:30 p.m. the annual May Day festivities will officially begin. At this time the May Day Court, Who's Who, and the Hall of Fame will be formally presented. Reigning over the festivities will be May Queen Donna Crawford, and Maid of Honor Elaine Seale. Entertainment will be furnished by the girls' physical education department and the East Central Junior College Stage Band. After the May Day festivities, at 6:30 p.m., there will be a reception, sponsored by the college, in Sullivan Student Center.

At 8:00 p.m., the E.C.J.C. Players, under the direction of Bruce W. Peterson, will present a one-act play.

SBA Officers Elected For New Year At East Central

Officers of the Student Body Association, which is the executive council for the student body of East Central Junior College, were recently elected in campuswide balloting. They include: Sam Bounds, president; Travis Kelly, vice-president; Nanell Evans, secretary; and Dottie Horn, treasurer.

Sam Bounds, who was elected President of the SBA, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Bounds of Lawrence. He will succeed the outgoing president, Barry Irons. Graduating from Newton High School, Sam was the president of the Senior Class and belonged to the Senior Dramatic Club and the Tiger Roars. During his senior year he was elected the senior class favorite and best all round in the Who's Who. To prove his capability as a leader further. Sam was elected the East Central in front of freshman class President in the fall of 1968. Sam is a pre-med major.

The office of vice-president will be filled by Travis Kelly. Travis, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ealy Kelly, graduated from Carthage High School before coming to East Central, where he is majoring in Liberal Arts. While in high school, Travis belonged to the Future Farmers of America, the 4—H club, and was on the staff of the Tiger Howl.

Nanell Evans, a freshman in Liberal Arts, was elected secretary of SBA. Nanell, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Evans, finished high school at Little Rock, Mississippi with many honors. She was secretary of her class for three consecutive years, secretary and later president of 4-H, and vice president of the Beta Club. She was a member of the band and served for three years as drum major. Along with the other honors, she also received the Math award for two years and the English award one year.

Next year's treasurer will be another liberal arts major, Dottie Horn of Forest. Dottie, the daughter of Mrs. Jean Horn, displayed many outstanding talents and abilities all through high school. She was a member of the Future Teachers of America, the Future Homemakers of America, Beta Club, F Club, basketball and track teams, and the paper staff. She was also a class officer and went to Girls State.

SBA OFFICERS. Chosen as officers of the Student Body Association in the recent campus election were Travis Kelly, vice-president; Dottie Horn, treasurer; and Sam Bounds, president. Nanell Evans, secretary, is not pictured.
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-EDITORIALS-

Shut The Back Door I'm Getting Cold

Recently the Student Body held its annual election at East Central. The elections brought an interesting problem to light—one that we should be ashamed of and try for improvement. To often, though, we dismiss it with a "Oh well, its over, and I did my part" attitude. The problem we mention is the lack of concern in SBA elections, or to be more brief—indifference.

The plain truth is that we did not show enough interest in the election to really know we had one. It hurts to tell the truth, but tell it like it is we say.

The nominations were open for one week, and during the first four days only one candidate was nominated for the presidency. There are NO nominationes for the other three offices—vice-president, secretary, and treasurer.

We could hardly believe that out of a student body of seven hundred students that there was that little emotion or enthusiasm.

Through Friday evening there was no nominee for treasurer. The nominations were extended through Monday in an effort to try to get at least one nomination for treasurer. Only then, when a full week had gone by, did anyone get the nomination for treasurer. We cannot understand why there were so few nominations for these honored offices.

We cannot understand how a student body can be so uncocernned about their school elections, and we will not accept the fact without at least trying to stir a little life into the student body's apparent sleeping body. So arise and wake, fellow students, and remember, "He who guards not the freedom's front door with concern, leaves the back door open to the cold, cold wind of indifference."

I Can Or I Can't

I CAN or I CAN'T! Which one are you? I CAN is the person who believes in himself. He has enough confidence in himself to be able to do any job that comes his way. I CAN does what he knows is right even though it may hurt him to do so. I CAN is a "self-starter." He goes ahead and does things that need doing without having to be told to do them. I CAN takes the first step. I CAN will succeed in what he attempts.

I CAN'T does not believe in himself. He has no confidence. He must be told what to do and how to do it, then he may not be able to accomplish the task. I CAN'T never accomplishes anything. He never rises above the level of lowest existence.

I CAN will accomplish much. Eventually, with persistence and diligent work, he will became I HAVE. I CAN'T will gradually fade out of the picture. Which are you? I CAN or I CAN'T.

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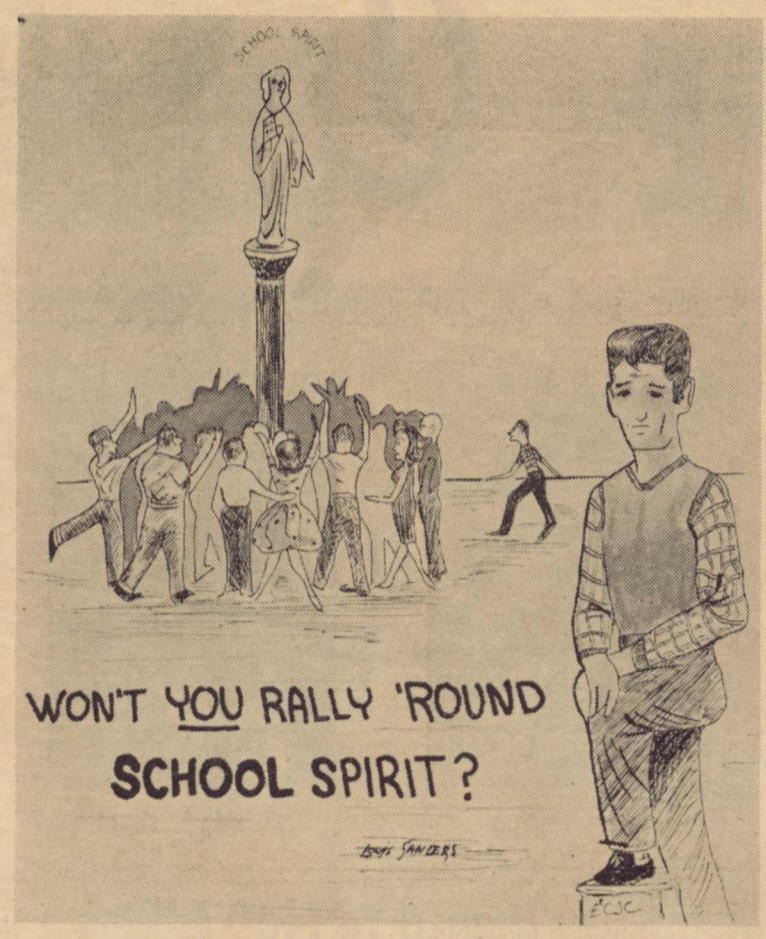


Rally Round

Each year, toward the end of the semester, there is a lack of school spirit. This doesn't mean just support of the school athletic teams but all phases of school activity. Don't let the end of the semester mean the end of your spirit. Support the tennis and baseball teams. Attend May Day, participate in its activities, work on some part of the Fine Arts Week or the Prom. Don't let the spirit be hidden until next fall—show it now.

War And Peace Of Mind

"Uncle Sam Wants You!" "Join the Peace Corp" "Eat at Joe's" 'Let Hertz Put You In The Driver's Seat!" "Do Your Thing" "Sock It To Me" "Attend the Church of Your Choice."

Imperative statements? Yes, they are imperative in a way, they tend to command one to take a certain action, to do that dread act—to make a decision. Why is it such a difficult task for a young person of today to make a decision, to utter a simple yes or no in defense of his beliefs? Is it because there are so many decisions to make today? Can it be that the youth of today feel pressured and closed in? Or is it that they have just never learned to listen to their own hearts and minds. "To thine own self be true," a very great man once said. He didn't write these words simply because they sounded good nor because they were the first ones which popped into his mind. He wrote them for the simple truth they contain. To be true to one's own beliefs may take a great deal of courage, but after all what is so great about believing the way everyone believes all of the time. The complexity of the world today leaves no room for wishy-washy ideals and faiths. A man must decide which path he is to take, which God he is to serve, and which side of his shell he wants to occupy—outside or inside. Go ahead, make a few waves, it will only make the water clearer when it settles again.

A man can find peace in his life only by first winning the war within himself, and he can only win the war by facing his problems squarely, day by day. The decisions must be made for they will still be there as long as you put them off. The sooner you solve them the sooner you can start enjoying the results. It is your life. Try **living** it for a change.

Speaker Stresses Student's Part In World Changes

On May 15 East Central had a very interesting and unique assembly. The speaker was Lt. Governor Charles Sullivan. Lt. Governor Sullivan addressed the first meeting of SCAM, Student Council Association of Mississippi. The assembly was held open to the entire student body.

Every student should have attended. The speech was very timely and thought-provoking. Lt. Governor Sullivan spoke of world changes; politically, socially and economically, which have taken place in the two decades since the end of World War II. He stated that it was up to our generation to change the things which are deterrent to our society and strengthen the ideals, philosophies and reforms which are capable of bettering the world in which we must live, to insure a better future.

There is a song going round now that says "It's your thing, do what you want." This is true—it's our future and we can make it into what we want, but we must start now by preparing ourselves to take our place as a useful member of society.

CAMPUS CULTURE CORNER

by Patsy Nester

Probably one of the most impressive plays to be produced in the past few years is **Romeo and Juliet.** Director Franco Zeffirelli has managed to make the play alive and meaningful without transferring the action to a modern setting. After completing the task of rewriting the original script, Zeffirelli took another risk by giving the leading roles to a pair of youth who had had very little acting experience. This is one of the reasons the play has been so successful. Many critics say that they both locked their parts and read their lines with a sensitivity that was far beyond their years.

Franco Zeffireili, director, actor, scene designer, is a man of considerable talent. He has proved this is his direction of **Romeo and Juliet.** "I am," he declares grandly, "the flag bearer of the crusade against boredom, bad taste, and stupidity in the theater."

SCAM Meet Held On EC Campus

The first meeting of SCAM, Student Council Association of Mississippi, was held on East Central's campus recently. The meeting was attended by 83 delegates and 14 junior colleges from all over the state were represented. Two of the colleges attending, East Mississsippi Junior College and Jones County Junior College, requested membership.

At this meeting elections for the new officers were held. Ellis Taylor of Jefferson Davis Junior College was elected president. The office of first vice-president went to Lynette Davis of Northwest Junior College. The second vice-president will be chosen by Copiah Lincoln Junior College, which will serve as the host college for the next meeting. The third vice-president will be chosen by the host college of the next spring meting.

The three members at large who will serve on the executive council were elected also. Sam Bounds of East Central, George Sumrall of Hinds, and Lewis Jenkins of Holmes were the students who were elected. The office of secretary-treasurer will be filled by an appointee of the president.

The highpoint of the day was the speech made by Lt. Governor Charles Sullivan. His speech was centered on the changes which are taking place in the world and the problems which will face us in the future.

Each of the visiting delegates gave very favorable comments concerning the campus at East Central. the cafeteria food, and the students.

BSU News 'N Plans

The Baptist Student Union has just completed a special week of emphasis. A number of guest speakers were present and brought programs which were an inspiration to each one who attended the meetings. On Monday night Rev. Bill Stroup of Jones Junior College gave the program. Tuesday, Clarke College was in charge; Wednesday, Mississippi State University presented a drama; and Thursday, Mississippi College climaxed the week by bringing a folk singing group.

The weekend of April 18-20 several members of the BSU attended the leadership conference at Gulfshore Baptist Assembly. Accompanying them were Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Deaton and Mr. and Mrs. Raymond McMullan.

The last part of this month will be a very special time for the YWA group. They will have a group of children from the Baptist Children's Village in Jackson as their guests for the weekend. This is the second year for a visit from the kids and the YWA girls are really looking forward to their visit.

THRU FOUR EYES

Dateline: 1989; College Lake, Decatur, Mississippi.

Today twenty of the graduating class of 1969 of East Central Junior College gathered at their second class reunion. Much progress has been made by these graduates since their last gathering.

Those attending made individual progress reports. The reunion banquet was catered by Lee's Lucious Lasagna House. The reunion was brought to a screeching halt when a delegation from East Central ousted the group.

Linda Wilkerson, the Harlow of the 70's, returned for the reunion. She had just completed a successful world tour of **East Lynn** and **Five Nights in a Barroom.** Sam Nowell paddled in from flooded Philadelphia where he is attempting to build a pontoon bridge over the Pearl River.

Sandra Clark dropped by on her way to lecture at Berkley. She has just received rave reviews on her new novel which appears to have the potential of rivaling PEYTON PLACE. This six hundred and eighty-nine pages of raw life, unbridled passion, and heart-stopping action has been banned in Boston and in all probability the movie will be raided in Jackson. The title of this jewel is THE MATING HABITS OF THE AMERICAN AARDVARK. Sandra has never been able to shake off her Triangle Point background and Drip County morals.

Decorations were designed by Susan Stutts who has just formed a new school of art. Her school is called the Neo-realistic Impressionists and specialize in finger painting old laundry bills. Bill Jones has just opened a new business. He is fulflling a life long ambition to race cars. Bill has just had the grand opening of Big Daddy Bill's Go Cart Track on the banks of the beautiful Dog River.

The Gressetts, Twig and Ruth, left early after discovering their firm had not been considered before the caterers for this extravaganza were selected. Twig, advertised as the Sandwich King, opened an entire chain of Gressett's Greasy Spoons throughout Hickory and Chunky. These establishments specialize in sandwiches which Ruth dreams up herself. Those most often in demand are the peanut butter and banana, and the mustard and egg plant.

The industrial world was well represented at the reunion. Larrell O. Ezell, better known as the Elusive Engineer, attended. Larrell is the famous eccentric turtle farmer of Decatur. Another to attend was Samuel Pace who is attempting to perfect a street light that may be shared by Conehatta and Jeff. He used the one shared by Lena and the Grove as a model. Danny Musgrove is working on a perfect ditch digging machine which he will patent next April 31st.

The athletic world was even better represented. Brenda Garvin took time off from her cattle farm to win the title of World Champion Lady Wrestler as her seven kids cheered her on. Chandler and Hill Associate, operated by Linda Chandler and Linda Hill, owns and manages the Bleached Blonde Bombshells. Marianne Mathews dashed up from East Central where she holds the position of tennis coach. She has guided the Terrific Twelve to victory for seventeen seasons now.

Bridging the gap between the athletic and academic world is player-professor Joe Graham. Joe is finally playing on a tennis team and also teaching an English course on Profanity and Poe.

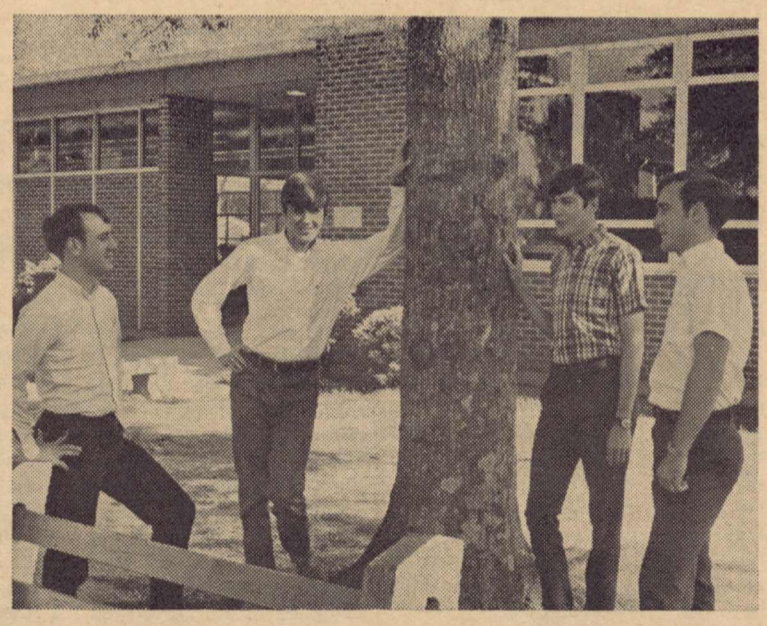
In every group there are several eccentrics and the graduating class of '69 had its share too. Sandy Smith, who has collected the largest collection of illumated beer signs in the world, brought examples of her better specimens. Revolutionaries Sandy Gray and Becky Warren took time out from gorilla warfare school to visit for a short time. They also have the special destinction of having toured the five counties seven hundred and four times.

Other distinguished guests were Madame Clydbedeus Naish, who topped Jean Dixon in open competition and gained the title of the Southland's Swamee, and the Rev. Lee G .Clarke who has just returned to his parish in East Noxapater after serving a six month stretch in Parchman for inciting a peace riot.

Gloria Sanders and Linda Lathem could not attend due to the tests being given for scholarships at their private school at the Pool. Scholarships being granted are in the fields of Chicken Plucking and Advanced Clavichord Duet Arranging.

Before closing, the Alumnus of the Year Award was presented to Broadway Barry Irons who had taken over Joe Namuth's place on the shaving commercials. Mr. Irons was so over wrought all he could say in his acceptance speech was, "Thank you Stanley" and "Any announcements from the West section."

The meeting was closed by Titania Hockenmocker.



LOOK ALIKES. Two sets of twins enjoy life on the ECJC campus. The brothers are (l to r) Jerry Sanders, Billy Robertson, Bobby Robertson, Larry Sanders.

Two Sets Of Twins On EC Campus Find Life Amusing And Different

If one were to really dig, we could probably find several unusual things about East Central; however, one thing that is rather unusual and just naturally stands out, is the fact that on East Central's campus there are two sets of identical twin boys. These boys are Jerry and Larry Cooper and Billy and Bobby Robertson, all of whom are freshmen majoring in Liberal Arts.

Both sets of twins were born in 1950 with only seven months difference between them. The Cooper boys were born January 29, 1950, with Jerry being the oldest by seven minutes, to Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Cooper. Although born at Kosciusko, they later moved to Carthage where they attended school prior to coming to East Central. Billy and Bobby were born on August 7, 1950, to Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Robertson in Neshoba County, where they have lived ever since, finishing school at Neshoba Central. Although Billy is the oldest member of this set, it is uncertain just how much older.

Although identical, the Cooper boys differ in several ways. One way is their size, for Jerry is noticeably larger than Larry. Another noticeabble difference is that Larry writes left-handed and Jerry right-handed. The Roberts boys don't differ quite as much in physical characteristics, but they said they made up for it in other ways. Unlike most twins, they don't get along very well; in fact, they don't even room together. While the Cooper pair room together, they do have their arguments — the common one being over clothes.

There are several advantages to having a twin. One advantage, as stated by Bobby Robertson, is getting to look at yourself so often. Larry Cooper said that, aside from seeing yourself so often, it was always nice to have someone to answer for you in class when necessary.

Of course, everything has its faults, and one of the common problems with having a twin is that the wrong one is always being punished. However, the greatest problem is the fact that everyone is always getting them mixed up; and this seems to be quite a common thing with the teachers here at East Central. Mrs. Graham and Mr. Seymore are always calling the Cooper twins by each other's name; and, as if that wasn't enough, Mr. Cliburn, who should know better than to go around giving people complexes, doesn't even know the Robertson boys are brothers — much less twins. Faculty members shouldn't have to take all the blame for not being able to separate the twins, for a great number of students only recently realized that they were twins; some are probably just now finding it out.

When asked if their parents had ever got them mixed up, both sets of twins admitted to it. Why once Jerry's mother fed him twice, and, only when Larry began asking for food and Jerry began to cry, did she realize her mistake. Bobby and Billy said their main problem was with helping their father work, because he was always calling them by the wrong name; however, they found a solution to this — they just don't answer.

Both sets of twins admitted that there was a lot of fun to having a twin at times. Bobby Robertson, who had been going steady with a certain girl for over a year, happened to say something, while with the girl, which sounded like Billy; he had quite a time convincing her that he was really Bobby. The Cooper twins have pulled a little wool at times themselves. Once, while at a ballgame, Jerry left his date to go to the concession stand; and while he was gone, Larry went down and took over his date for him. The date never even knew the difference — must not have been true love.

If you don't see anything so unusual in this, remember it's not every junior college that can boast of having two sets of "good-looking" twin boys.

All In An Afternoon

by Tooty

Well, here we are — my banana popsicle and I that is. Before us lies a mound of clean white paper and grasped in my sweaty little palm, my trusty Bic. Alas, poor Bic is covered with toothmarks, having survived two news articles and six pages of proofing. Now all that is left to do is an editorial.

Editorials are hairy things which lurk in our minds, hiding behind an excedrin headache (unnumbered cause. I lost count, it's been a bad paper) and seven million and three stupid thoughts. But II'm determined to be above it all and write my editorial.

I sit. I stare out of the window. I watch the generator grind into action but still no inspiration comes. Fresh air, that's what I need, fresh air. I dash to the window, pull the blind up, raise the window. Frustration — the window slowly inches back down and settles into place. Aha, window, ye shalt not defeat an inspired soul (that's me). With faithful ledger under it and succeed only in throwing it into the gutter outside. As I contrive to retrieve the ledger from the gutter, the window slips down and settles about my shoulders. I finally succeed in stuffing the ledger into place and return to my chair, thinking pure, sweet thoughts about the murderous window.

I must have left what little inspiration I had conjured up in the gutter. My mind is an absolute blank, equal only in blankness to the page before me. I sit. Depression is fast closing in. I need a friend, some encouragement. A new job, another popsicle! ! ! ! What's this ? ? ? Some kind soul has thought of me in my plight, someone who will give me a friendly smile, a pat on the back, a little encouragement to provide some shred of inspiration. What, he speaks, oh inspire, magnificent one — "Well! There she is the High Priestess of the Printed Page, Empress of the Ragsheet, feverishly scribbling out some unfathomably asinine article!" This is inspiration? A friend I need and I get somebody who plays Adolf Eichmann to my Anne Frank. Where did I go wrong? My mother didn't prepare me for days like this!

Depression, acute depression. Suicide may be the answer. No, the table is low to jump off, this is a first floor window; stream heat, so there's no gas. I could slash my wrists with a rusty paper clip — no that would take too long — I might as well go on attempting to write.

Wait! All is not lost. Out of all this despondency there arises a thought. Keep calm, concentrate, arrange it into an editorial form, plan what you want to say. "What, you're ready to lock the building?" With hanging head and dragging feet I stumble slowly back to the dorm, with my wonderful editorial unwritten, unprinted, unread! ! ! !

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The Students Speak

On May 23, 1969, the sophomore class of East Central Junior College will conclude its term of educational service. Looking back over the two years spent at college the girls of Newsome Hall came up with these reflections in answer to the question:

"What is the most important thing you have gained or learned in your two years at college?"

Betty Eichelberger: I have learned to broaden my mind to a great many things. I feel that as a high school young person I was narrow minded. I think college has made me see things in a new light.

Sally Craig: I learned to live with myself and my problems. I have learned to face a great many things this year that I never had to face before. I think college has made me stronger.

Brenda Garvin: If you are going to do something, don't get caught.

Linda Hill: In order to gain anything worth while from life you have to be willing to work hard and sacrifice some things.

Brenda Kinton: I learned to live with a great many different people. I also learned to stick to my own convictions.

Kathy Walton: To have friends you have to be a friend.

Brenda Mitchell: What life away from home really is.

Wanda May: I've learned an awful lot. You have to stick with what you believe and never doubt your faith or convictions. I've also learned that there are people in this world who are willing to stand up for what they believe, no matter what.

Mary Smith: I've learned a lot about people and their lives.

Ester Kennedy: How to get along with all types of people.

Nancy Henderson: A whole lot. I learned to appreciate my parents more. I have just begun to realize that some of the things they told me in all the years of growing up are really true.

Judy McKee: To be independent.

Diane Freeny: I have adjusted to staying away from home.

Mary Lou Chancellor: I have learned to make major decisions and to stick to them.

Dianne Ray: Meeting new people and making new friends has been very important to me.

Annabelle White: I gained new insights in my religion.

Barbara Ingram: True value of a family. I learned to appreciate them and my religion a great deal more.

Linda Parker: College is no play ground and you really apply yourself if you are to succeed.

Betty Holder: I am different in a great many ways. I guess I am just older, a lot older and wiser.

Good luck next year sophomores (excuse me juniors).

Banquet Enjoyed By French Club

The French Club, Le Circle Francais, held its annual spring banquet on April 7 in the Gordon Room here on campus. All members of the club, their dates, Mrs. Rowell, Dr. and Mrs. Charles V. Wright, Mr. Bruce Peterson, Mr. Robert Glazer and Mr. George Abraham attended.

The Gordon Room was decorated in a Normandy countryside theme. The guests were shown a display picturing a rural scene and several French ornaments by Mrs. Rowell. The banquet began with a welcome by club president, Diane Herring. The meal, consisting of real French dishes prepared by Mrs. Rowell, was served by Sandy Smith and Linda Lathem.

The banquet was quite a success, judging from the comments made by the guests. The club would like to thank Mrs. Rowell for her help and leadership as sponsor; without her the banquet could not have been possible.

Play Reviewed

WE CAUGHT IT CAUSE WE COULD—

by Ovid Vickers

John Caradine played it at Ole Miss, John Lawland played it at the Barn Dinner Theater in Jackson, and Lee Clarke burst onto the ECJC stage April 3 at eight sharp to breathe life and laughter into Jack Weinstock's CATCH ME IF YOU CAN. Clarke in any role is good, but as Inspector Levine he was excellent.

It is a pity that Mr. Clarke took it upon himself to add such bits and pieces to his lines as mentioning the name of a not-too-far distant bordello and substituting the director's name for a personage mentioned in the script. This sort of thing reeks of unprofessionalism, a lack of stage discipline, and pure (shades of high school) immaturity. This boy from Mount Pisgah played Levine, be it right or wrong, as a combination of Groucho Marks, Charley Chann, Don Rickles and a Jewish pawnbroker I once knew in Nashville named Irvin Goldblatz. The amazing thing is that the interpretation worked and worked well.

Mike Hatch as the priest looked and acted like a priest. Many of his better lines, however, were lost because the other actors would not hold for laughs, and one wished many times that Mr. Hatch had projected — the lack of which caused many good lines to die behind the footlights. It is interesting that so far no repercussions have arisen concerning the imbibing priest. One shudders to think what the reaction would have been had he been portrayed as Methodist or Baptist rather than Catholic.

Charley Blount played Danny Corbin with a great deal of stability. His performance was smooth and consistent. As the hub around which CATCH ME IF YOU CAN revolved, one must say the revolutions were smooth because of Charley Blount.

The second act of any play must have something to recapture the sometimes lagging interest of an audience. Jerry Nance as Sidney was quick and bright and as the proprietor of Sidney's Sandwich Shoppe he illuminated an otherwise dim second act.

Katha Kennedy is a newcomer to the ECJC stage. As Elizabeth Corbin she at times showed a lack of stage experience, but for a first time around Miss Kennedy turned in a creditable performance. She apparently knew where she was and what she was doing, and for a neophite this is better than good; in fact it's excellent.

Mrs. Parker is a cameo role, and Betty Waliace was an amusing cameo. When better coat dropping is done, Miss Wallace will be doing the dropping.

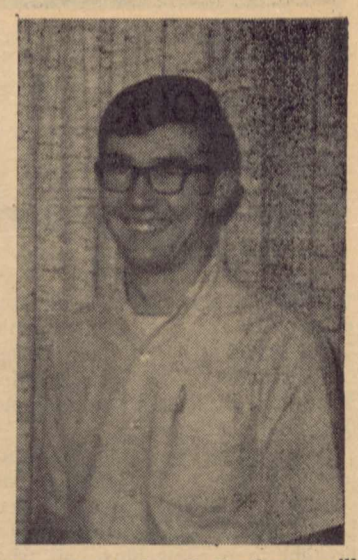
As Everett Parker, Jackie McBrayer has good stage presence and a good face. But too much stage makeup made him seem to be wearing a mask.

The stage set was wonderful, but whom to compliment for its creation remains unknown because the program carried only a hodgepodge of acronyms (Jeweldra Clark, Dabsanne Cain, Hawk Garnekins) where the names of the production staff should have been (again shades of high school). Now that the program has been mentioned, the play, it turned out to the amazement of the audience (the program did not mention that Act III had two scenes), had a second scene in the third act.

CATCH ME IF YOU CAN is a play which takes place in the Catskills and is peopled with Jewish New Yorkers. The audience may have had difficulty identifying with New Yorkers, the Catskills, a Metropolitan vocabulary, and the Catholic Church.

There are some (and they may be pickey) questions that one could pose about the production. Why weren't the college bells disconnected to avoid their ringing in the midst of acts? Just as the audience began to feel empathy with the actors, a bell would go off in the distance. Why were carnival glass cups used with a silver coffee service? Why doesn't the college do something about repairing the stage curtains so that they operate smoothly rather than with spasmodic jerks? Who furnished the properties? The pillows of unborn calf skin and the assorted stuffed wildlife added greatly to the set and stage decor, and their owners should have been thanked program wise.

As Junior College productions go, this one was far above average. It was well directed and was an enjoyable evening of theater. What more needs to be said?



Mike Edwards of Carthage will serve as a summer missionary in Oregon, under the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board of Atlanta, Georgia.

Mike Edwards To Do Mission Work

Mike Edwards has been notified by the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board of Atlanta, Georgia of his appointment to serve as a summer missionary in Oregon. Students from colleges and universities in the United States serve in this program. Only five or six hundred are selected from more than a thousand applications. Mike, along with the other students, will work in Vacation Bible Schools, youth camps, religious surveys, and with organizations in churches in the pioneer areas of the United States.

The B. S. U. is happy that Mike was selected since only a few freshmen are given this opportunity. He has been honored and so has East Central and the Baptist Student Union.

Recently Mike was elected president of the Baptist Student Union to serve during the 1969-70 session. Last week-end he spoke at the State B. S. U. Leadership Conference at Gulfshore Baptist Assembly on the most outstanding event in the B.S.U. this year.

Mike is the son of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Edwards of Carthage.

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MAY COURT. The court for the traditional May Day festivities to be observed on May 8 will be composed of (l to r) Susan Stutts, Forest; Diane Webb, Decatur; Linda Wilkerson, Forest; Joan Sharp, Philadelphia; Esther Kennedy, Forest; Elaine Seal, Decatur, maid of honor, and Debby Rester, Forest. In the center is Donna Crawford, Philadelphia, the May Queen.

Ten Phi Theta Kappans Journey To National Convention In Missouri

The "Show-Me" State Shows Delegation

By Mrs. Alyne Simmons

Early (maybe too early) Saturday a.m. April 13, the delegation of the Theta Xi Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa boarded the bus enroute the national convention to be held in Columbia, Missouri. The group included Betty Lewis, Linda Lathem, Gail Fulton, Gloria Sanders, Gail Gray, Audrey Boggan, Wanda Rushing, Nanell Evans, Gerald Mayes, Charles Wright, Jr., and the sponsor, Mrs. Alyne Simmons. The trip was unexpectedly delayed in our capital city because of bus trouble befalling the Gulf Coast group with which our chapter travelled from Jackson. After a forced but educational visit to the Old Capitol and refreshment at Primos, the two groups left about 11:30 and arrived in Columbia, Missouri, about midnight.

Since we were going to the "Show-Me" state of Missouri, we wondered what we would be shown. After five days of commuting and convening, the group agreed that they had been shown at least two things: A sense of history and a sense of hope. The sense of history conveyed itself in a number of ways. First the site of the convention itself was at Christian College, founded in 1851, being the first woman's college west of the Mississippi River, chartered by a state legislature. It was here that Phi Theta Kappa was born in 1918. The school that had given birth to the honor society and nurtured it through the infant years of growth, initiated the second fifty years of growth by hosting the convention. It was a timely gesture that made the delegation feel the deep roots of history that any organization needs. A visit to the campus of the University of Missouri also made the group aware of history. The University was founded in 1836 and the Columbia campus enrolls approximately 20,000 students at present. The old buildings portrayed an awareness of the past as the new ones gave hope for the future, particularly the nuclear reactor that fascinated our group, especially Charles Wright, who elected that tour in his itinerary.

On Sunday morning, our group elected to worship in Calvary Episcopal Church, where again a sense of history made the group appreciate those who have gone before to lay foundations that have made and sustained our country. This church, organized in 1851, and its first building having been destroyed by fire, is presently worshiping in a santuary built in 1898. Its Gothic architecture, Renaissance Art stained glass windows, its ritual liturgy and vestured rector were a new experience for most of the group made up of Methodists, Baptists, and one lone Presbyterian. The speaker for the convention added to the sense of history. The Honorable James W. Symington, United States Representative from Missouri, represented four generations of statesmen, his great-grandfather John Jay having served with Abraham Lincoln, his grandfather John Wadsworth, one time governor of New York, and he and his father Stuart Symington constituted the only father-son team in the history of the Congress. After speaking on the theme of the convention, "Only That Day Dawns to Which We Are Aware", Congressman Symington really proved to the Phi Theta Kappans that he is with it by entertaining them with guitar and folk songs.

At the banquet on Tuesday evening, Mr. George Cabot Lodge was principal speaker. He too represented several generations of statesmen. Mr. Oodge spoke on the controversial issue, "Black Power", handling it very subtly and impressing the group with the fact that the black people need organization that is meaningful and leadership that is disciplined.

And adding to the profound sense of history was the indelible sense of hope. It is a blessed privilege for an interested teacher or concerned adult to see over 800 students from more than 200 chapters of an honor organization in a national convention. The business was conducted in an orderly manner with superb parliamentary procedures and principles of democracy. Of course politics can always be interesting and the exuberance of youth gave it a special flavor. To watch their political know-how demonstrated in an imaginative, sincere and expectant manner definitely gives hope to the future. Buddy Brachin from Marion Institution, Marion, Alabama, a candidate for president, keynoted his speech with the phrase "Fear or Faith?" and Tom Laseter from Missouri used the quotation: "Look not where you have been or where you are now, but where you can be."

The Southern District probably amazed the other sections of the fraternity by furnishing the first black national officer to the society. Tony Sandbury, Negro delegate from a chapter in Texas, ran for Southern Regional Officer with five other nominees. He was overwhelmingly elected and, according to the testimony of the Decatur group, not because he was a Negro, but because he simply had the best program and the most impressive personality.

All these experiences gave a sense of history and a sense of hope to the Decatur group. In addition to these senses provided by the "Show-Me" state and the convention, the sponsor of Theta Xi adds a third sense, a sense of pride. When a sponsor can accompany a group of students to a national convention and never feel embarrassed at the dress, speech, and conduct of the group (and certainly every sponsor there couldn't) that sponsor can register a deep sense of pride in East Central Students. I do!

Fine Arts Week Schedule

Fine Arts Week will offer a full schedule of activities. The tentative schedule is as follows:

May 4—3:00 P. M.—Sophomore Music Recital
Tea
Art Exhibit
May 5 7:30 P. M.—Band Concert
May 6 7:30 P. M.—Choir Concert
Operetta
May 8 2:00 P. M.—Dedication of new buildings
Open House
3:00 P. M.—Art Exhibit
5:30 P. M.—May Day Program
6:30 P. M.—Reception
8:00 P. M.—One-Act Play
May 11—2:00 P. M.—Open House for new buildings

Music, Music

Music is perhaps the greatest and most enjoyable area of influence in our cultural society. Whether we enjoy listening to folk music by Wanenfolk, to areas such as Habanera from Carmen, or Beethoven's Mass in C Minor, there is a type of music to be enjoyed by every individual.

Music is said to be poetry set to words. Indeed, this is true in many cases. Those who enjoy listening to classical and semi-classical music may enjoy reading poetry along with the music which is particularly fitting to the selection.

Can you visualize what a motion picture or television program would be like without a background musical accompaniment? Yes, it would be a dull movie. Music adds to the expression of ideas and the entire atmosphere of a movie what mere words can never fully portray. Using happy music for a sad script or vice versa may not be especially effective either.

Scientifically, music has begun to be important also. Only recently the plan of using music as a substitute for anesthesia for dental work was introduced. The patient could wear earphones through which soothing music was played while the dentist performed the necessary task. Strangely enough, the music had a deadening effect on the patient so that he felt little or no pain.

Music has become important in the hen house, too. When it was recently discovered that the hens laid more eggs with music in the henhouse, it began a common practice for poultry owners to install speakers in the house for the enjoyment of the hens and the increase in egg production.

On a more serious side, music has been the inspiration for many poems, verses, and essays. It has often brought smiles to tired faces, set feet to tapping, and revived heartfelt memories. We hear music, we see music, and we feel music. As Carlyle so sweetly expressed it, "Music is the speech of angels."

EC Choir Makes Annual Tour

by David Rives

The East Central Junior College Choir, under the direction of Mrs. Marian Thornton, made its annual tour to several high schools in the five county area Thursday and Friday, April 10th and 11th. The two days of tour saw the choir entertain students at Neshoba Central, Noxapater, and Nanih Waiya on Thursday, and on to Sebastopol, Scott Central, and finally Lake on Friday.

Also accompanying the choir were the lovely Bel Cantos and a folk singing group, THE HANDS OF TIME, composed of Deborah Pierce, Lavern Collins (better known now, perhaps, as Lavern Collier), and Jimmy Slaughter.

The groups were well received by the high school students, and represented East Central in the finest way. The choir presented a mixed program of religious numbers and popular hit tunes. Some of the numbers included "With A Voice Of Singing," and then the hit tunes, such as "Moon River," "Up, Up and Away," and "This Is My Country."

The BEL CANTOS of East Central performed after the choir at each concert, and sang the light and humorous, "Sophomore Philosophy," the always beautiful "I Enjoy Being A Girl," and "Tumbleweed," a rolling western number which the girls did superbly.

Perhaps the biggest hit with the students was the folksing group THE HANDS OF TIME. This group sang such popular folk songs and ballads as "It Ain't Me, Babe," "My Girl", and "Green, Green." No one knew that Jimmy Slaughter had his own fan club at Nanih Waiya, but it was evident as the crowd at "The Mound" went wild as the group sang "Green, Green."

The tour was a great success. The choir met and made many new friends. The two days were eventful, and a little tiresome toward Friday. But, spirits remained high, even as the group "invaded" the city (Lake) for their last concert.

In the performance at Lake, an unusual event happened. While singing "Up, Up and Away (In My Beautiful Balloon)", someone let a huge pink balloon deflate over the audience. The choir, as well as the audience, was amused and surprised, and they really "socked it to 'em" on the last numbers.

The choir is looking forward to next year, although the balloon trick will be hard to follow! Seriously, the choir has made gigantic strides this year in improvement, and soon will be able to match any other junior college choir in any field. Much credit can be given to Mrs. Thornton for her untiring work.

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East Central Tennis Team Rolls Over Perkinston

by David Rives

The East Central tennis team, under the direction of Mr. George Abraham, scored its biggest and most prestigious victory of the season last Monday evening by defeating the defending champions of Perkinston at Perkinston. The final score was 7-1 for the EC team and victory was never sweeter after last year's defeat at the hands of Perkinston.

EC Women Win

Perhaps the most surprising thing of the year was the upset scored by the East Central women's team. The girls went into the match without a single overall victory of the year. But, the hard hours of practice told as the girls won 3-1 in their matches.

In the number one girl's singles, Sandy Smith of EC soundly defeated Glenda Vidal 6-1 and 6-0. Sandy has made much improvement lately and is playing fine tennis.

Linda Comans defeated Laura Murray in the number two singles for the second EC victory. The score in sets were 6-0 and 6-3.

Perkinston's only win of the evening came when Suzanne Reeze and Susanne Dees defeated Marrianne Matthews and Brenda Garvin in the number one doubles. The score was 6-2, 6-0 for Perkinston.

The number two doubles was won by Scottie Foreman and Amelia Kennedy for EC by the score of 7-5 and 6-4 over Glenda Vidal and Sharon Whatly.

EC Men's Team Makes Sweep

The EC men's team made a clean sweep of it in the best tennis that they have played all year.

In the number one singles, Bruce Lewis defeated Don Davis 6-2 and 6-2. Bruce started shakily, but evened out and totally dominated the game from there.

The number two singles was won by David Rives 6-2, 4-6, and 6-0 over Brad Herring. Rives won the first set easily, but faltered on the second, before coming back for the third set.

Because Perkinston does not have but three boys on their team, they had to double up for doubles.

The number one doubles was won by Joe Sigrest and Tim Puckett over Steve Pemberton and Brad Herrington in two sets, 6-0 and 6-1. Joe and Tim played good, consistant tennis, and they are improving daily.

In the number two doubles, Roger Carr and Jimmy Slaughter played Don Davis and Rick Ryan and won 9-7 and 6-3. Rick Ryan is ineligible to play and Perkinston forfeited the game, but, just to see how things turned out, the game was played anyway. As it turned out, it did not matter. EC won the match and walked away with a 7-1 overall victory.

Perk Wins Over EC Baseballers

The East Central baseball team journeyed to Perkinston last Monday, April 14, but found the home team very unhospitable as far as yielding runs, as the Perk team rolled to a 13-3 victory.

The winning pitcher for Perkinston was Scarborough and the losing pitcher for East Central was Daniel Solomon.

The Perkinston team is real tough, as they proved. Recently, they won five out of six games with some senior colleges, and were really primed for the game. Errors hurt the EC team as seven were made by the East Central glovemen.

The first inning gave no indication of the final outcome as both teams went down quickly. In the bottom of the second inning, Perkinston opened up their attack as three runs were scored on two hits. Perkinston continued to nibble away in the bottom of the third as EC went down in order. The Perk batsmen scored three more runs on three hits in the bottom of the third.

In the top of the fourth EC got one hit on Jennings' drive, but failed to score. Perk scored two more runs on a hit by Ralley, as EC made one error. East Central failed to score again in the fifth and sixth innings, as Perk scored three more runs to make it 11-0.

In the top of the seventh, EC scored three runs. Roberts led off the batting order and singled. He then stole second. Brashier singled to left field as Roberts scored for EC's first run. Brashier stole second and then Jack Skinner singled to drive in Brashier for the Warrior's second run of the inning. Griffis drove in Skinner after he stole third base and that ended EC scoring for the inning. The final score ended with Perk on the big end of a 13-3 victory.

East Central managed six hits and made seven errors while Perk made 10 hits and one error.

The diamondmen next play Southwest and Jones, on Thursday and Friday, the 17th and 18th, here on campus.

Netters Near Half-Way Mark

The East Central tennis team is now at the half-way mark and has surprised several people with the rapid improvement that the members have displayed. The team can now claim victories over Perkinston and Holmes, a tie with Southwest, and defeats to Hinds and Jones.

At the moment, the EC team would have to be voted the most improved team on the circuit. The effort put forth by the team is truly a display of courage.

Early Part of Season

We say "courage" because after the whitewashing at the hands of the powerful Hinds team by a score of 8-0 in matches, there was little hope that EC would have a successful year.

The following Thursday, the team traveled to Jones for their second match. The Jones team had a powerful girls' team and easily rolled over EC in the women's matches. The men's matches were split with Jones — it was a beginning, though, and everyone began to hope.

The Turning Point

The turning point of the season came when EC traveled to Southwest. The matches were split 4-4. The men won 3-1 over the Southwest men, but the women's team was still having its difficulty and lost 1-3. But the team's morale became high, and all began to set their eye on one goal — to win. Even Coach Abraham began to get the fever, as EC prepared to meet Holmes.

The women's team did not travel to Holmes. The men won 3-1 in sets, the first overall victory of the season.

Then last week, EC played Perkinston at Perkinston. Perkinston is the defending state champ and played its first match against EC last Monday. When the smoke settled EC was on top with a 7-1 margin. It was sweet revenge for last year's defeat of 0-8.

East Central was severely handicapped this season by a late start. Only two returning players, Bruce Lewis and Sandy Smith, are back from last year's team. All the rest of the team are either sophomores who are going out for the first time or freshmen who do not have any tournament experience.

The team also has a new coach this year, Mr. George Abraham. Coach Abraham has worked long and hard in helping to improve the team, and the improvements are quite evident. The interesting part about the last half of the season, as Coach Abraham pointed out, is that all matches will be rematches between teams that have already played EC, with the exception of Co-Lin. And revenge against Hinds and Jones would be so, so sweet!

Here we see one of the tennis team members, Linda Comans, practicing her serving. Serving is a most important aspect of tennis.

The baseball team gets in many hours of practice prior to each game and are working hard for improvement.

For Love Of Tennis?

An old saying — rephrased — has come to us on campus this semester. It is "The Greek shall inherit the earth," or rather "the tennis courts." The Greek in question is Mr. George Abraham, professor of English, American Literature and tennis. If you happen to look any bright sunshiny afternoon down the hill behind the hallowed sophomore dorm to the new tennis courts, you will see much action taking place. The tennis team composed of Brenda Garvin, Marianne Mathews, Linda Comans, Amelia Kennedy, Sandy Smith, Scottie Foreman, Joe Sigrest, Tim Puckett, David Rives, Jimmy Slaughter, Bruce Lewis, Roger Carr and manager Joe Graham work dilligently and strenuously to attain the goal of perfection. It has always seemed to this reporter that the measure of a man or woman to a great extent depends on how well he takes defeat as well as success. It is regretable but true that our tennis team has had to learn to take defeat as a whole, but they have managed with banners flying to emerge victorous in will and spirit.

The typical observer must take into consideration that this is the first time many of the members of the team have ever played tennis competitively or otherwise. They are under the leadership of a new coach, and they got a late start in their practice. The hard work they have put into, their chosen sport is beginning to pay off, however. On April 14, our team came home victorious. This reporter is sure that now the team is having games at home many more victories will come there way.

The big thing now is support. Everyone needs a little sunshine once in a while so they won't wither away — so why not get it watching a tennis match? Most of the games will be played starting eighth period and after school. Take a deep breadth, push yourself up from your bed, chair in the student center, or wherever you study, and drag your weary little body to the tennis court for an hour or so of rest, relaxation, sun, good comapny, and a nice view (the girls aren't that bad looking boys). You are only young once so enjoy it while you can.

EC Men Netters Win At Holmes

The East Central men's tennis team journeyed to Holmes on Tuesday, April 7, and brought home a 3-1 victory in matches. The victory was the first for the East Central team and was welcomed gladly.

Only One Match Lost

The only match lost by East Central was the number one singles that pitted Bruce Lewis against John Townsend. Bruce had his troubles and could never manage to win the needed game points at the right time. The first set was won by Townsend 6-4. The second match was somewhat of a marathon as the contest was finally ended at 14-12 in Townsend's favor.

In the number two singles, Tim Puckett won in two sets over Eddie Overstreet. In the first set, Tim won handily by a score of 6-2. In the second set, the score tightened to only 7-5 for Puckett.

The number one doubles put Joe Sigrest and Roger Carr against Robert McInnis and Larry Jones. It was the first time Joe and Roger had been teamed together, but they worked together like old pals to win in two sets 6-1 and 7-5.

The last match of the day was won by Jimmy Slaughter and Danny Fulton of EC over Carlton Melton and Jim King. The EC boys totally dominated the match with sets of 6-2 and 6-0.

REMAINING BASEBALL SCHEDULE

April 21—Scooba	Here
April 25—Perkinston	Here
April 29—Co-Lin	Here
May 2—Holmes	Here

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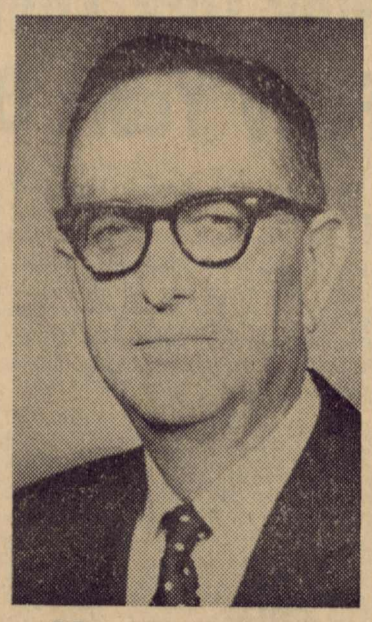

REV. VERNON MAY

Vernon May, William Winter To Speak At Commencement Exercises May 18, 23

Plans for graduation activities at East Central Junior College, Decatur, Mississippi, were released this week from the office of Dr. Charles V. Wright, president. Rev. Vernon May and William Winter are to deliver the forthcoming baccalaureate and commencement addresses to be held May 18 and May 23, 1969, respectively. Both services are scheduled for 8 p.m. in Huff Auditorium.

Mr. Winter, born and reared on his family's farm in Grenada County, is one of Mississippi's most prominent men. Mr. Winter served during World War II for forty months, including duty in the Philippines; and was later recalled to active duty during the Korean war. He was later discharged from the army with the rank of Major. Before entering the field of politics, Mr. Winter served as a Hinds County Attorney from 1944-1956, then he began a brilliant political career.

From 1947-1956, Mr. Winter served as a state representative from Grenada County. He then served as State Tax Collector from 1956-1963. The following year he successfully ran for the office of State Treasurer, which he held until 1967. In 1967 Mr. Winter entered into the Mississippi governor's election; however he was narrowly defeated by John Bell Williams. He is presently serving as a Hinds County Attorney. He and his wife, Elise, have three daughters.

The baccalaureate address will be delivered by a well-respected citizen of one of the five counties supporting East Central, Reverend Vernon May of Louisville. Rev. May was born and reared in Mendenhall, Mississippi, Simpson County. After graduating from high school in Mendenhall and Copiah-Lincoln Junior College, he received a Bachelor of Science degree from Mississippi State University. He then received his Bachelor of Divinity degree from New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary in the field of theology.

After graduating from college, Rev. May taught three years in the Magee High School, served a four-year term as County Superintendent of Education in Simpson County, after which he entered the ministry.

Before coming to Louisville to pastor the First Baptist Church, Rev. May pastored Mt. Olive Baptist Church, Mt. Olive, Mississippi; Hollandale Baptist Church, Hollandale, Mississippi; and the Tylertown Baptist Church, Tylertown, Mississippi.

Reverend May is married to the former Mary Lou Jenkins, and they have two sons, William and Simeon.

During the graduation exercises two hundred students will receive diplomas and certificates.

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Sixth Annual Awards Day Honors Deserving Students

The sixth annual Awards Day presentation honoring outstanding students was held in assembly Tuesday, May 6. This day was set aside to recognize those students who have done outstanding scholastic work, or who have shown great abilities in extra-curricular activities. Dr. Charles V. Wright, President of East Central Junior College, served as master of ceremonies.

Jim Lightsey, Dean of Students, presented the citizenship award. This award is presented by the faculty to the outstanding graduating sophomore. This year's recipient was Barry Irons.

Ovid Vickers, on the behalf of J. L. Neill, retired Wesley director, made the awards for the Wesley Foundation. These awards are presented to two sophomores who the members of Wesley believe have best achieved the Wesley goal of "Christlikeness". This year's Mr. and Miss Wesley are Wayne Smith and Janice Steed.

L. E. Cliburn, sponsor of the Student Education Association, presented the Secondary Education award to Sandra Clark.

Mrs. Ruth Hull, sponsor of Home Economics Club and the **Wo-He-Lo** presented the Crisco Homemaking award to Frances Townsend. Mrs. Hull also presented various awards to the members of the **Wo-He-Lo** staff.

Denver Brackeen, Academic Dean, awarded the Mississippi State University Scholarship for the amount of $400 to an outstanding sophomore. This year's deserving student is Merrill Goolsby. Dean Brackeen also presented a journalism scholarship from the University of Southern Mississippi to Linda Lathem.

Mrs. Marion Thornton, music instructor, presented the ECJC Singer award to Sonya Weaver.

Several drama awards were presented by Bruce Peterson, head of the ECJC drama department. They are as follows: Best Actor, Charlie Blount; Best Actress, Babs Cain, Best Supporting Actor, Lee Clarke; Best Supporting Actress, Diane Herring; Best Character Role, Jerry Nance; and Delta Psi Omega Award, Sandra Clark.

The Freshman Math award was presented by J. E. Smith, math instructor. This year the award went to two deserving students: Joan Breland and David Rives.

Several Alumni Awards were given. The William S. Griffin Memorial Award for Men's Intramurals, given by Dr. Bob Griffin of Louisville, was presented to Tommy Joe Jennings. This presentation was made by Joe Clark.

Joe Graham received the Alatha Chaney Memorial award for English, givem by Mrs. E. L. Chaney, Hickory, in memory of her daughter, Alatha Chaney. Ovid Vickers presented this award.

Bettye Lewis was the recipient of the Jack B. Mayo Memorial award for Phi Theta Kappa given by Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Mayo in memory of their son, Jack B. Mayo. Mrs. Alyne Simmons, sponsor of Phi Theta Kappa, presented the award.

L. E. Cliburn presented the Opal McMullan Dickinson Alumni award for Elementary Education to Elaine Madison. This award is given by Mr. and Mrs. Marion McMullan in memory of their daughter, Opal.

The Dr. Edwin Miller Alumni award for Medical Services, given by Mr. J. A. Miller in memory of his son, Dr. Edwin Miller, was awarded to James Boles. Making this presentation was George Mason.

Billy Meador received the W. A. Coursey, Jr. Alumni Award for Engineering given by Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Coursey, Sr. in memory of their son. The award was presented by Ray Norton, sponsor of the Engineer's Club.

Linda Chandler was given the Earline Wood Alumni Memorial award, given by Lucille Wood in memory of her sister, Earline. Presenting this award was Kay Smith.

Anita Williams was presented the Sarah Carr Deaton award for Secretarial Science, given by Mrs. Dorsy Carr of Louisville. Presenting this award was Mrs. Jessie Mae Everett.

Ronnie Risher was awarded the Andrew F. Webb Memorial award for Football, given by Arno Vincent. This was presented by Ken Pouncey.

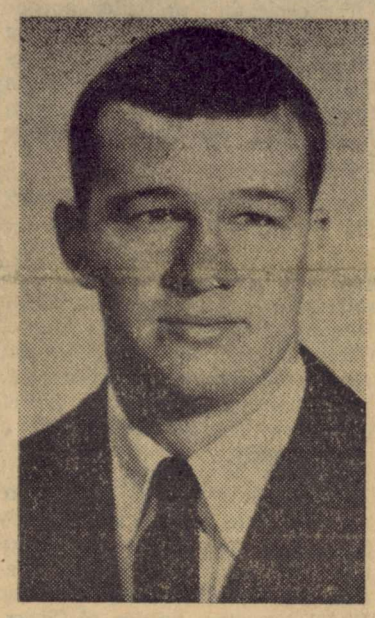
The Howard Sessums Alumni award for Basketball, presented in memory of Howard Sessums by his former teammates, went to Larry Gressett. Joe Clark made this presentation.

Sandra Clark, representing the Student Education Association, presented to East Central Junior College a trophy signifying overall excellence of this chapter of SEA. This trophy has now been won, on the state level, five years consecutively and is now theirs to keep.

Barry Irons, President of the SBA, presented a plaque for "uniting and devoted service" to Leonard Lee, manager of the ECJC cafeteria.

All these awards were culminated with the presentation of the most sought after and possibly most important award of the year, the student's selection of Teacher of the Year. This year, this coveted award went to a most deserving faculty member — Robert Glazar, instructor of English.

ROBERT GLAZAR
Teacher of the Year



BARRY IRONS
Citizenship Award

MERRILL GOOLSBY
Miss. State Scholarship Award

LINDA LATHEM
USM Scholarship Award

Paper Staff Goes To MCPA At Delta

David Rives, Linda Lathem, Diane Herring, Gloria Sanders, Patsy Nester, and Mrs. Billie Cork recently attended the Mississippi Junior College Press Association Spring Awards Conference at Mississippi Delta Junior College, Moorhead, Mississippi.

Speakers for the conference included Hodding Carter, III, Editor and Publisher of the **Delta Democrat Times,** who gave the Keynote address; Pic Firmin of the Delta Democrat Times, who spoke on the Mississippi Freedom of Information Bill; Lane Tucker, WABG T. V., who spoke concerning "Television and Violence", and a panel discussion on the "Current Status of Student Press Freedom." Members of this panel were Carl Willis, USM; Gale Denley, Ole Miss; and Mr. Myers, Mississippi State. Mr. Willis stressed that responsibility is the key word in press freedom. He pointed out that thorough research must be made before printing. He also said, "a college newspaper is not the same thing as a professional paper." Mr. Myers stressed good taste. "Students", he said, "must take responsibility and seriously conduct themselves as ladies and gentlemen." He also stressed fairness — expressing both sides to any issue. The panel agreed that the voice of freedom is a right that should not be abused. Responsibility is to be balanced by rights.

The Conference was climaxed by an awards luncheon. The speaker for the luncheon was Brad Dye, Executive Director, State Agricultural and Industrial Board. Miss Laney Wooten, State Advisor, presented the individual awards. Among students receiving these awards were two East Central students. Linda Lathem won second place in columns and Logan Hill received third place for photography.

Carl Willis of the University of Mississippi presented journalism scholarships to Linda Lathem, co-editor of the **Tom-Tom;** Charles Harris, editor of the **Hindsonian;** and Biff Lampton, editor of the **Dixie Drawl.**

Examination Schedule

Tuesday	1, 8, 5
Wednesday	3, 7, 6
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The traditional May Pole dance was rendered this year by twenty-four girls dressed in centennial costumes. The girls used two maypoles with red streamers.

May Day Theme Features Forty Years Of Tradition

The thirty-fifth annual May Day celebration at East Central Junior College was held on May 8, 1969 as a feature of Fine Arts Week. Donna Crawford of Philadelphia reigned as Queen of May. The program emphasized the theme "Forty Years — A Union of People, Ideas and Progress."

The ECJC stage band, under the direction of S. G. Seymore, opened the program with "Someone to Watch Over Me" and "Somewhere My Love". Ovid Vickers, Chairman of the English department, served as master of ceremonies. The processional march was "Grand March" from **Aida.**

At 6:00 p.m. the 1969 May Day Court was presented. First to appear were Mr. and Miss ECJC — Sam Nowell and Sandy Smith; followed by Hall of Fame members Linda Lathem and Gail Fulton. Next came the Sophomore Favorites — Wanda May, Bill Lundy, Rachel Barrett, Larry Ezell, Nancy Edwards, Tim Puckett; and Freshmen Favorites —Dottie Horn, Gary Gordon, Linda Blount, Bill Griffis, Frances Stuart, Mike Edwards. Most Handsome, Barry Irons, and Most Beautiful, Margaret Shelton, plus Beauties Kathy Barrett and Sonya Weaver entered in the Processional.

The queen's court was then presented. The court included Maid of Honor Elaine Seal, escorted by Jimmy Hardy; and Maids Esther Kennedy, escorted by Scotty Allen; Joan Sharp, escorted by Randolph Eakes; Linda Wilkerson, escorted by Robert Cheatham; Debbie Rester, escorted by Ted Marshall; Susan Stutts, escorted by Sam Bounds; and Diane Webb, escorted by Bobby Horton.

Queen Donna Crawford was preceded by flower girls Alicia Pouncy and Sheryl Baucum. Train bearers were Randy Russell and Dolan Shoemaker, and the crown bearer was Jody Fowler. Dr. Charles V. Wright, ECJC President, crowned the queen after the processional.

Co-eds in the May Court wore pastel evening gowns of various shades. The queen's maids wore red evening gowns and carried white pompons tied with red ribbon. The queen wore a white evening gown with a queen's train and carried red carnations.

The May Day program, which was presented to honor the queen and her court, was designed to show the passage of the forty years since the beginning of East Central Junior College. The traditional May Pole dance was presented by a group of young ladies in centennial costumes. Then the audience was taken into the past as the decade of the twenties was illustrated by the Charleston dance, performed by Jane Long, Cornelia Lowry, Jackie Stegall and Kathy Triplett. Other periods of time were represented by Deborah Pierce, Nanell Evans, Judy Parker, and Linda Guyse dancing to "Mame"; and Bubba Franklin and Cindy James with the jitterbug. A south of the border dance, "Tequila", was performed by Judy Parker, Sandra Sanders, and Marilyn Anderson.

Musical selections on the program included songs "Will You Remember" by Sonya Weaver, and "Birth of the Blues" by Linda Comans; "Sweet Georgia Brown" by Sandra Clark and Mack Jackson; and "America Our Heritage" by the Bel Cantos. Mack Jackson impersonated Tiny Tim with "Tiptoe Through the Tulips".

For the Recessional, the queen led her court off the floor.

Immediately following the program, a reception was held in Sullivan Center for the queen, her maids of honor, members of the Hall of Fame, and members of the Who's Who. Friends, parents, and faculty members attended the reception.

Music And Drama Departments Featured In Fine Arts Week

East Central's Festival of Fine Arts commenced with a sophomore music recital featuring Ann Byas, Reggie Daugherty, Peggy Tolbert, Gail Fulton, and Linnie Dabbs. These sophomores were under the direction of Mrs. Marian Thornton.

An art exhibit was set up at the entrance to the auditorium. The exhibit featured the work of Michael McCarty and his art students as well as various people of Decatur.

As a part of the Festival, the ECJC Band presented a concert. Featured selections were "The Free Lance March," "Modal Overture," "Misty Morning," "Overture Americana," "Album Leaf," "Midnight Beguine," and 'Sweet Georgia Brown."

"Down in The Valley," a folk opera, by Kurt Weill was presented as a special feature of the Festival of Fine Arts. The cast included the following: Brack Weaver, Ronnie White; Jennie Parson, Sonya Weaver; Thomas Bouche, Jerry Peagler; The Leader, Mack Jackson; The Preacher, Jerry Nance; Guard, David Rives; Peters, Laverne Collins; Jennie's father, Don Wallace; two women, Gloria Sanders and Ann Byas; pianist, Gail Fulton; organist, Mrs. Marian Thornton; dramatic coaches, Bruce Peterson and Sandra Clark; choir director, Mrs. Marian Thornton; conductor, R. G. Fick.

Immediately following the operetta, the Bel Cantos presented three songs: "I Enjoy Being a Girl," "We Kiss In A Shadow" from the "King and I," and "In the Still of the Night."

The choir then presented a pops concert featuring the following songs: "It's a Grand Night for Singing," "Up, Up, and Away," "Moon River," "Born Free," and from **Man of La Mancha,** "Impossible Dream."

As a finale to the Fine Arts Week the Theatre Arts Class, under the direction of Bruce Peterson, presented a Reader's Theatre. The radio drama "Sixteen" with Diane Herring, Babs Cain, Lee Clarke, Charley Blount, and Linda Lathem opened the evening's entertainment. Martha Burns and Charley Blount presented "The Formal Dance," a short comedy.

Diane Herring and Lee Clarke provided jokes between plays. Sandy Smith presented modern versions of three old fables followed by a presentation of "The Crazy Mixed-up End," a modern version of Cinderella.

Bruce Peterson and Katha Kennedy entertained the audience with Mark Twain's "Diary of Adam and Eve."

As a conclusion to the evening of entertainment Sandra Clarke presented a reading of Joel Chandler Harris' "The Tar Baby."

The Charleston was presented by a group of four co-eds. Pictured is Jane Long in her rendition of the dance of the roaring twenties.

Phi Theta Kappa Elects Officers

The Theta Xi Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, National Junior College honorary fraternity, has selected its officers for the 1969-70 session.

The nominating committee submitted a list of names to the members and votes were cast. The following are the newly elected officers: Audrey Boggan, president, Nanell Evans, vice-president; Patsy Nester, secretary; Charles Wright, Jr., treasurer; Mary Ann McDonald, reporter; Sherri Whinnery, historian; Nona Butler, musician; and David Rives, photographer.

These officers were installed in a formal service held on May 1, 1969 in the Little Assembly Room, with Denver Brackeen, Academic Dean presiding.

TOPICS: UNLIMITED

THROUGH THE LOOKING GLASS

By Alice of EC

Trip To MJCPA

"Hey, there's a car," David Rives yelled as he was driving to Press Conference recently. Gloria Sanders, who was talking ninety to nothing, fell under the seat — but fast. Actually the car was 200 yards ahead on its side of the road. Shows how silly some girls are.

What do you do after a coffeehouse on Friday night? Look for a cemetery. That's what David Rives, Linda Lathem, Gloria Sanders, Patsy Nester, Diane Herring, and Mrs. Billie Cork did at Indianola. Cemeteries seem to be scarce in Indianola but there are an abundance of dead-end streets. David will attest to that fact.

A most unusual incident for the group was seeing a real live picket line at Koscuisko — a strike of local carpenters No. 2253.

It was an educational as well as an exciting trip.

Former Student Elected To Office

Danny Whittington was recently elected as vice-president of the Delta State Student Education Association for 1969-70. Danny served as president of the East Central Chapter first semester ofthis year.

Wesleyans Enjoy Banquet

The Wesley Foundation recently held its annual banquet with Ovid Vickers as speaker. Mr. Vickers related some elements of folklore to the group. He concluded by singing several folk songs. The Blossom Sings followed Mr. Vickers with their rendition of "Tip Toe Through the Tulips" and "Cottonfields". It was a most enjoyable evening filled with fun for everyone.

Little Known Facts

In two years at East Central one can accumulate a wealth of information. For instance did you know that - - - -

Robert Glazar is a godfather? Mr. Glazar is the godfather of Jessica Baker, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Baker. Mr. Baker is a former East Central art instructor.

Mary Charles Naish is really a witch?

Alfred Deaton can play the guitar, and if you plead enough Mr. Deaton will sing.

George Abraham would like a wife? His only requirements are that she can sew, cook, wash and clean house.

Mrs. Billie Cork won first place in a flower show for a flower arrangement entitled "Birds and Bees?"

"Daddy Rabbit" is Mr. Ethridge's nickname, and that "Tack-head" is Mr. Bedwell's nickname?

The safe in Mr. Vicker's office may fall through and destroy the whole heating system.

Mr. Cross can speak Choctaw?

Van Cliburn is the nephew of Mr. L. E. Cliburn?

Wesley sometimes steps out of the ordinary and has a walking council meeting? Why stay inside when the weather is beautiful — walk and discuss your problems.

John Bell Williams is Mr. Bedwell's nephew?

David Rives can play the piano?

Mary Lang is a top-rate secretary or she couldn't put up with all the "nutty" students at East Central?

Coach Baucum is a Road Runner fan?

Mr. Ethridge is a Colonel on the Mayor of Decatur's staff?

Glenda McMullan recently spent a week in Washington D. C.?

These are but a few of the little facts gleaned over a two year period. There are many, many more.

Summer School Plans Announced

The first term of the 1969 Summer Session starts June 9 through July 11, and the second term July 14 through August 15.

A student may carry two courses and earn six semester hours credit each five weeks. All courses offered, except laboratory courses, will meet two hours per day, five days per week.

Several business courses will be offered at night. They will carry three semester hours credit each. These business classes will meet on Monday and Thursday nights for ten weeks.

Vocational courses in Auto Body and Fender Repair, and Auto Mechanics, which will be full time courses, will meet the full ten weeks terms.

To plan to attend summer school one must send his application, three letters of recommendation from alumni, and a transcript of credits to Frank Rives, Registrar.

Dedication Ceremony Held For Vocational Buildings

Referring to education as the "key that opens the door to progress," A. P. Fatherree, state director of the Vocational Technical Division, State Department of Education, gave the dedicatory address for East Centrai Junior College's two new training facilities on Thursday, May 8, 1969.

Fatherree was the featured speaker for ceremonies marking the formal opening of East Centjal's new $677,000 vocational-technical and $200,000 agricultural technology buildings.

"Education breaks the shackles of ignorance, superstition, or poverty, and unveils a better way of iife for all who have it," the director said.

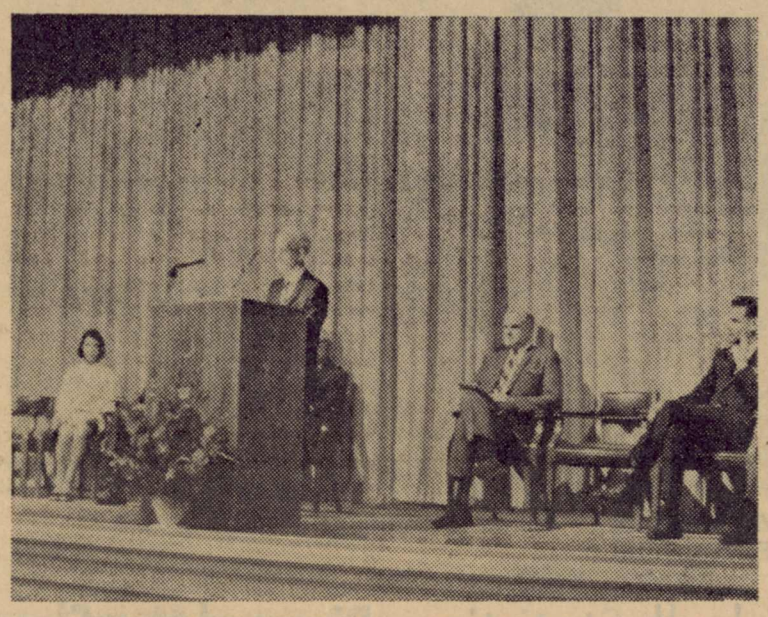
Noting that the state's progress can be no swifter than progress in education, the experienced administrator commended the leadership of the college in bringing about wholesome changes to upgrade the low income and education level of some of the people in the school's supporting district, composed of Scott, Newton, Leake, Neshoba and Winston counties.

He concluded, "We trust that future generations will look back on this decade with delight in the effort that we made in vocational education and believe that the effort and expenditures were the most significant ever made in education."

Others taking part in the dedication program were Dr. Charles V. Wright, who gave the welcome and introduced the guests; the East Central Junior College Band under the direction of Sammy G. Seymore; the ECJC Choir under the direction of Mrs. Marian Thornton; Maston McMullan, President of the 1969 Alumni Association who gave the response; Rev. James Benson and Rev. Fred Fowler.

Immediately following the dedication program, Miss Donna Crawford, May Queen, cut the ribbon that officially opened the new buildings. An open house for the visitors followed the ribbon cutting.

AERIAL PHOTO of the East Central campus shows most of the forty major buildings that make up the campus. The new Vocational Technical building, and the still under construction Fine Arts building, are recent additions.
Photo by Charley Blount



A. P. Fatherree, State Vocational Director, brought the dedicatory address for the two new vocational buildings.

May Queen Donna Crawford cut the ribbon for the official opening of the new Vocational Technical Building.

Three Little Fishes And The Paper Staff, Too!

Once upon a time, not so long ago, last week a group of weary pilgrims made their way to Brackeen-land. The pilgrims made ready for their trip at Sophomore City, Newsome Hall. They boarded the old Tallyho, more than a dozen strong, and cadillaced out to their destination. Cadillacing is no mean task when one is motivating in a Ford, but John Marcangeli is not the usual bus driver.

Upon arriving at the lake, beautiful homestead, the Brackathe bus was parked, after threatening the destruction of several shrubs. The group then tripped gaily down to lakeside where Rev. Ferrell Cork was giving a beautiful display of his culinary talents. We all began to wonder if we could last long enough to enjoy partaking of the fish and other goodies.

Patsy Nester, chairman of the freshman committee to Let's Show Up Sloppy Sophomores by Dressing Neatly at Fish Frys, led a group in a fishing tournament. Sandra Clark won with her foot-long catch, that is if you lay all four en- to end. Business Manager Howell and spouse ventured into the water in a craft propelled by spouse power.

Hiawatha Rives and Running Bear Marcangeli, along with dubious passengers T. Herring and P. Nester canoed around the pond. They also disturbed Dianne Ray's concentration on fishing by paddling directly over her line-not once but several times. One of the passengers had visions of floating face down after she drowned had the canoe capsized. The other felt threatened with re-pierced ears due to the way Sports writer Rives flung the fly-rod thither and yon around and about her head.

Never one to go along with the crowd, Mike Edwards ventured off on his own, snake hunting. The only one he discovered got away and the wildest creature he brought back was a salamander in a mason fruit jar. The salamander was promptly christened Erbert and presented, along with a dead wildflower, to Mrs. Cork.

The activities for the evening were varied. Linda Lathem and Gloria Sanders played follow the leader. Yulanda Prisock ate. John Marcangeli and David Rives chased each other. Yulanda Prisock ate. Mrs. Cork unwrapped gifts. Yulanda ate. Dianne Ray rode a bicycle. Yulanda ate. In fact, if a prize for largest amounts consumed were given Miss Prisock would win hands down. All alone she devoured six pounds of catfish, two pounds of french fries, half a bowl of green salad and a fourth of a chocolate pie. If that was not enough to fortify her against the long trip back, she left carrying an almost entire lemon ice box pie. Good luck, Yulanda!!

The fish fry was wonderful! We would like to thank Mrs. Cork for the arrangements, Dean Brackeen for allowing us to use his lake, and Revv. Cork for cooking for us. Another thank you goes to everyone on the staff who voted against a banquet, at a banquat Yulanda could never have eaten as much.

BAPTIST STUDENT UNION OFFICERS for the 1969-70 school year include (l to r) Mike Edwards, Glenda McMullan, Travis Kelly, George Sanders, Patricia Shepard, and Glynn Edwards.

Something Of Yourself For Mankind

"To lose the earth you know, for greater knowing;
To lose the life you have, for greater life;
To leave the friends you loved, for greater loving;
To find a land more kind than home, more large than earth,
Whereon the pillars of the earth are founded,
Toward which the conscience of the world is tending . . .
A wind is rising, and the rivers flow."

With these closing statements from his novel **You Can't Go Home Again,** Thomas Wolfe recognized man's search for the quality which, after all the paraphernalia of life has vanished, give him something which soars beyond the realm of human institutions and above the plane of materialism. It is a recognition on the part of man of that something which transcends the day's pattern and takes its place among the abstract . . . for it **is** that intangible element, that driving force toward something which will become eternal.

Baptist Students Install Officers

At a very impressive service in the Decatur Baptist Church, the officers of the Baptist Student Union were installed.

Miss Gladys Bryant gave the charge to the officers. Rev. Ralph Winders, Director, State Department of Student Work in Jackson, gave the challenge.

Rev. Fred Fowler led the Dedication Prayer while the group knelt at the front of the church. A trio composed of Nancy Henderson, Linda Parker and Mary Ann McDonald sang "Thy Will Be Done."

Mike Edwards, president for the 1969-70 session, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard L. Edwards of Carthage.

Serving with Mike are the following officers: Glenda McMullan, Missions Leader, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Anon McMullan of Decatur; Travis Kelly, Worship Leader, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ealy Kelly of Carthage; George Sanders, Communications Leader, son of Mr. and Mrs. John O. Sanders of Carthage; and Glynn Edwards, Education Leader, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Edwards of Forest.

This year the BSU elected seven faculty members to serve as an Advisory Committee for the organization. Those elected are: Mrs. L. B. Simmons, Mrs. Bobby Everett, Mrs. Milton Thornton, Mr. Alfred Deaton, Mr. Raymond McMullan, Mr. Joe Clark, and Mr. Lavane Newell. Dr. Charles Wright will serve as member-at-large. Mr. Frank Rives serves in an advisory position on the Area BSU Committee.

May 30-31 these officers will hold a planning retreat to make plans for the fall. This retreat is being held at this time so Mike can be present. He will leave June 10 to be gone all summer working with the Home Mission Board in Oregon.

The officers are planning to go to Glorieta, New Mexico to the nationwide Student Conference in August. They will visit places of interest along the route they will take.

One Man's Devotion

Each morning when the roses are in bloom one can see that gracious gentleman of East Central, Mr. Andy Miller, making his rounds of the administrative offices. Mr. Miller places roses on all the desks to brighten up the staff's day. All students know and love Mr. Miller. All the graduating sophomores will miss his smiling face and warm words next year. We salute you, Mr. Miller.

Tennis Squad Defeats Co-Lin 5-2

The music of victory was heard once more by the East Central netters as they danced to the tune of a 5-2 victory over Copiah-Lincoln on Tuesday, April 29th, at Co-Lin. The victory gave the E.C. net squad a 3-3-2 mark for the season. This was the first time that the two teams had met and Coach Abraham had the team primed for victory.

Men's Matches

The men's team swept to a 3-0 victory over the Co-Lin squad. The first singles match saw Bruce Lewis come out of his slump of the previous week to soundly defeat Milton Whittington of Co-Lin in two easy matches of 6-2 and 6-0. The match gave Bruce a season record thus far of 4-3.

There was no second singles played. Co-Lin had an ineligible player and E.C. was without a second singles man because David Rives could not make the trip. The match was therefore canceled and did not count for or against either school.

In the first doubles match, Joe Sigrest and Tim Puckett defeated Co-Lin's Gary Medlock and Joey Griffin 6-4 and 6-4.

Jimmy Slaughter and Roger Carr defeated the Co-Lin team of Don Palmer and Robert Higdon 6-1 and 7-5.

Women's Matches

The women's match saw EC and Co-Lin split 2-2. In the first singles, Sandy Smith of ECJC was defeated by Pat Hall of Co-Lin in a lengthy contest. The set scores were 6-3, and 4-6, and 6-3 for Co-Lin. The second singles pitted Linda Comans against Sherry Rollins of Co-Lin. Miss Rollins won the match 6-4, 3-6, and 6-0 in a lengthy contest.

The doubles teams for EC won to even the women's matches at two all. Marrianne Matthews and Brenda Garvin defeated Linda Garrett and Ann McElvin 6-1 and 6-1.

In the second doubles match, Scottie Foreman and Amelia Kennedy defeated Co-Lin's Judy Jones and Barbara Bobbitt in a come from behind victory of 4-6, 6-4, and 9-7.

3-3-2 Mark

The tennis team now has a break-even mark of 3-3-2 in competition. There are two more matches against Hinds and Co-Lin to be played at home before the state matches at Battlefield in Jackson. EC will in all probability defeat Co-Lin again, and with some luck could defeat, or at least tie Hinds to give the team a winning season. As for the state match, anything can happen. There are three spots where EC could possibly win, or at least capture valuable points: First singles, second singles, and second doubles in the men's events. If the team makes a good showing at Jackson, it can be proud of one of the best overall seasons in several seasons.

WARRIOR SHORTSTOP JIMMY MAJURE connects here for another East Central hit in a recent game with Scooba.

EC Routs Scooba In 9-1 Contest

The East Central Warrior baseball team gained its first victory Tuesday, April 22nd over the Scooba Lions in a 9-1 contest. The game was played on the Warrior's home field before a highly partisan crowd of onlookers. The winning pitcher for the Warriors was T. J. Jennings of Louisville. Jennings went the distance and pitched good, consistent ball to gain the victory. The losing pitcher for Scooba was Stephens.

The first two innings saw little action as both teams went down with little threat of scoring.

In the top of third inning, Scooba got their only run of the evening whenStuddard, their second baseman, hit a home run. The Lions could manage no more runs however, as they then went down in order.

The bottom of the third inning saw the Warriors score two runs. Robert Dorman led out with a base on balls. Joe Lynn Roberts connected for a double to score Dorman. Jack Skinner next hit a single to score Roberts. The score was 2-0 for the Warriors as the Warriors grounded out to retire the sides.

Things settled down for the next two innings before the Warriors exploded for six big runs in the bottom of the sixth. Robert Dorman led out with a base on balls and Roberts again connected for a single to drive Dorman in for the run. Roberts stole second base and Jennings gained a base on balls. Jack Skinner then rapped a single to score Roberts. Jennings advanced to third. Jimmy Majure connected for a single to score Jennings. Bill Griffis kept the ball hopping by getting a single to score Majure. Harrell singled to score Griffis as the Warriors ended their spree.

In the bottom of the eighth, the Warriors scored once more as T. J. Jennings drove in Joe Lynn Roberts with a single.

The victory was the first for the Warriors, who have been playing good offensive ball all year, but lagged on the defensive side. The Warriors played good defensive ball against Scooba and did not let down.

Coach Baucum stated, "It was a good game — the type of game we knew we were capable of playing if we ever got squared away defensively."

In the way of statistics it went as follows:

	AB	H	R	SB	BB
Dorman (3B)	5	1	2	2	1
Roberts (CF)	5	4	3	3	1
Jennings (P)	5	1	0		1
Skinner (C)	4	2	1		
Majure (2B)	4	2	1		
Griffis (LF)	3	1	1		
Brown (1B)	4	0	0		1
Dennis (RF)	2	0	0		1
Harrell (SS)	4	1	1		
Brashier (RF)	2	0	0		
York (LF)	(1	0	0		

Individual Baseball Statistics

	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	St. B	St. O	RBI	Ave.
Griffis	36	4	6	1		1	1	10	2	.182
York	19	3	4		1		2	7	1	.222
Russell	9	1	2					3	1	.250
Majure	37	5	9	3			3	5	6	.300
Brashier	34	5	6		1			4	2	.214
Jennings	47	3	16		1		3	8	9	.364
Skinner	44	3	7				2	9	4	.171
Roberts	46	14	17	1	1		14	6	2	.396
Dorman	50	12	14	1	1	1	13	4	9	.326
Gordon	28	4	4	1			3	11	2	.154
Brown	21	0	0				1	1	0	.000
Purvis	5	0	0							.000
Dennis	2	0	0					1		.000
Solomon	8	0	2					2	1	.250
Henry	2	0	0					2		.000
Phillips	2	1	0				1			.000

Diamond Men Close Season With 5-1 Loss To Holmes

The East Central baseball team closed its 1969 season play with a 5-1 loss to Holmes. The game was played on the Warrior's home field Friday, May 2.

The winning pitcher for Holmes was Simpson and T. J. Jennings absorbed the loss for the home team Warriors.

Bats Cold

The Warriors could never seem to get rolling as the Holmes team played good tight, defensive ball behind the pitching of Simpson. This was the first time the Warriors had been limited to just one run. Usually the Warriors could depend on at least three or four runs, but were let down as the bats remained cold with only two hits for the evening.

The opening inning saw Holmes score one run and East Central also scored one run. Jack Skinner hit a field's choice hop to the third baseman as Robert Dorman scored to even the score at 1-1 in the bottom of the first. The rest of the game was a slow type of game that displayed good defense on the part of both teams. Holmes scored twice in the top of the sixth inning, once more in the eighth, and once in the ninth, as the Warriors remained practically hitless. The final score was 5-1 as the Warriors could never muster an attack.

The Warriors were a team that was void of a thing called luck. The team had to fight for everything they got. They played good ball at times and poor ball at times. The main thing they lacked was a consistent defense. They scored the necessary runs to win in most cases, but gave up too many runs because of poor defensive play.

But, as Coach Baucum pointed out, there will always be next year.

Much of Mississippi's Economic progress of recent years has come from greater utilization of her marine resources. She is bordered on the west by the Mississippi River, on the south by the Gulf of Mexico, and inland there are numerous rivers and streams. The Mississippi River alone has a daily flow of from 300 to 500 billion gallons. This marine resource is not only vital to industrial production, but provides inexpensive transportation.

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TOMMY HARRELL, Warrior infielder, raps another one as Coach Baucum watches from third base.

Netters Split With Perk Team

The East Central Tennis team played its seventh match of the season against Perkinston Friday, April 25th. The final score in sets ended in a tie, 4-4. This was the season against Perkinston, Friday, met, the other match being played three weeks prior to one Friday. In that first meeting, East Central came out on top, 7-1 in sets.

Men's Matches

In the men's matches, Perkinston soundly defeated the East Central team in all matches, but was forced to forfeit a match because a boy was played twice in matches. This is against the rules, the penalty being forfeiture of one match.

In the men's first singles, Perk's Ricky Ryan defeated Bruce Lewis of E. C., 6-2 and 6-4. Ryan is a new member to Perk's squad and seems to play excellent tennis. Perk is much stronger with him.

The second singles pitted Tim Puckett of East Central against Perk's Mike Haigler. The match was somewhat of a marathon as it went three sets. Haigler finally won 4-6, 6-1, and 8-6.

In the doubles matches, the first team matches saw Joe Sigrest and Roger Carr against Ricky Ryan and Don Davis. Perkinston won in two sets 6-0 and 6-3.

Danny Fulton and Jimmy Slaughter fell to Remberton and Herring of Perk in the second doubles match, 7-5 and 8-6 in two tough contests.

Women's Matches

The E.C. women's team continued to show improvement against the Perk team. The girls of E.C. won 3-1 in matches and salvaged the ruins of the boy's defeat for a tie in matches.

The number one singles action saw E.C.'s Sandy Smith defeat Glenda Vidal of Perk in two quick matches of 6-1 and 6-0.

Linda Comans defeated Laura Murray of Perkinston in two sets also. The final score was 6-4 and 6-4.

Perkinston's first doubles team of Suzanne Dees and Suzanne Reese defeated Brenda Garvin and Marriane Matthews of East Central by the score of 6-3 and 6-0.

In the number two doubles match, Scottie Foreman and Amelia Kennedy defeated Glenda Vidal and Laura Murray by the score of 6-4 and 7-5.

The women's team has made great improvement in the last few weeks. At the season's beginning, the girls were never really in the matches. As of now they can just about hold their own with anyone. Much of the success of the season can be attributed to these girls' determination for improvement.

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EC GRADUATES who are making names for themselves at senior college are (l to r): Patsy Tadlock, Ann Reese, Cynthia Gibbon, Barbara Wicker, Sue Peoples, Wanda Elliott, Sandy Puckett (not pictured, Dana Griffis).

Former EC Women Basketball Stars Make Name for Themselves and East Central

East Central is well represented this year on the women's senior college basketball teams. The team of 1967-68 was composed of eight players, six of whom are participating on a senior college team. Of these eight women, seven are in their junior or senior year in college. They are: Ann Reese, a senior at MSCW, majoring in physical education, who played basketball last year, but did not this year because of student teaching; Barbara Wicker, a senior physical education major who is attending the University of Southern Mississippi, and who also played basketball her junior year, but was unable to this year because of student teaching; Patsy Tadlock, who took a secretarial — business course and is now working in Jackson; Dana Griffis, who is now married and a junior at Ole Miss; Sandy Puckett, a junior physical education major at Mississippi College who is on the women's team there; Cynda Gibbon, a senior English major at the University of Southern Mississippi who is on Southern's team; Wanda Elliot, a junior physical education major and basketball player at MSCW; and Sue Peoples, a junior home economics major at MSCW who also plays on the "W's" team.

While at East Central, these girls participated not only in basketball, but all types of women's intramurals, and other extracurricular activities as well. Now, as graduates of East Central, the girls continue to represent the school in the very finest way. Few senior colleges will accept junior college transfers to their teams, and these girls broke into the starting lineups of several senior colleges. It is a credit to them as individuals, and also to their coach, Miss Lucille Wood. Miss Wood is on leave of absence this year from East Central. She is doing graduate work toward her doctorate, but still keeps up with the happenings here at East Central.

This past year Miss Wood coached the University of Southern Mississippi's Women's team and led them to victories in the William Carey Tournament over Mississippi College, and then over MSCW at the Perkinston Tournament. She also took time to take the East Central team to the Mississippi College Tournament. While coaching the Southern team, Miss Wood again had the pleasure of working with a former EC student and basketball player, Cynda Gibbon. Cynda takes an active part in sports at Southern, although she is an English major.

Recently, in an interview with Miss Wood, she had this comment to make, "Many changes have taken place in basketball this past year. The players are lots better. These EC girls are not only team members, but they are leaders. I think our basketball program is well worth the time and money. These girls are giving the college the type of publicity money can not buy!"

This year, because of Miss Wood's absence, there was no women's team. Next year there will be one because Miss Wood is returning. Any girl who is interested in playing next year should get in touch with her. Miss Wood can be found on campus on most weekends and would enjoy talking with any prospective players.

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Footballers Have 2nd Spring Drills

The East Central football team began its second spring drills on Monday, April 28. The first drills were held during the last week of February and first week of March. The drills are being held this week with next year's returning letterman and sophomores.

The men are working real hard. Coach Pouncey stated that everyone was in good physical and mental shape. There are thirteen participat- in these drills now. They are: D. Q. Denson, George Sholar, Billy Rowzee, Wayne Hatcher, Gately Brashier, Mike Glaze, Scottie Smith, Bill Coghlan, Terry Beckham, Dale Stewart, Andy Woods, Gary Fulton, and Robert Cheatham. Most of these men are seasoned veterans who played much ball on this year's team.

The Warriors were hard hit by graduation as is always the case. Few positions are nailed down, Coach Pouncey pointed out, and next year's team will be made up of more freshmen than ever before. Quarterback is always the hardest position for junior colleges to fill. As of now, that position is wide open. The defensive team will have to be totally revamped from last year's squad, also.

Beginning Monday, May 6, Coach Pouncy and Coach Baucum will work with prospective high school boys There will be about thirty-five boys out and they will work with the EC team if their eligibility allows them to do so. As pointed out, much of EC's hopes depend on these boys.

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A Farewell From The Officers Of The SBA

To you the students of ECJC, I say thank you. Thank you all for a very cooperative and successful year. We the officers of the SBA have enjoyed serving you. We hope that you have enjoyed having us as officers. I know that we probably did not make the right decision on every matter throughout the year, but believe, me we tried to do what we thought would be a successful and enjoyable activity for all concerned.

I hope that I see you all again someday. I didn't get to know each and everyone personally, but I feel as if I did.

We, the sophomores, will leave you, the freshmen, in a few short days, and I think that I can say for all of the other sophomores: Good Luck in the coming year and try to improve over this year, for there is always room for improvement.

THANK YOU, ONCE AGAIN FOR EVERYTHING!

Sincerely yours,
Barry Irons
Your SBA President '68-'69

Things Worth Saving

If one were given a blank sheet of paper and told to make a list of the things that he would save from this generation and give to the next, he would carefully consider many things. If he were interested more in the people's mental and spiritual needs, rather than their physical needs, he would probably do them the greater service.

Basically, man is aware of his need for God. Man is made in the image of God and is a free moral agent, and thus has a rapport with God that should come above all other things. For man to endure and succeed in any generation, he must have a trust in God. This would be the first thing on our list, if we were making one.

Man also has a basic desire for life, and he hates to give life up, even a small portion of it. It is his nature to do this, and it has helped him through many fiery trials. Also, man is greatly influenced in this area by his pride. Pride may be another word, in this case, for stubbornness. Man is forever adjusting himself to the world and hates to give life up without a fight. It is well for man that he has pride.

The list should also include the ability of many for improvement. With this tool, man will eventually succeed materially, so why bother with putting material things on the list. It is man's ability that makes him great—not material things. They are only by-products.

Next to man's need for God, could be listed man's ability for love and compassion. Man is commanded by God to love his fellow man. Perhaps without love for all mankind, man loses his identity with God.

And to the next generation we give this advice: Dare to believe, to love, to improve, and to survive, for in this life we only take out what we put in, and things worth saving are scarce.

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Success Or Failure?

The school year of 1968-69 is drawing to a close. As both freshman and sophomore review the year, let us hope he will ask himself the question, "Did I make this year a success?"

Success comes in many different shapes and forms. Many think success means getting by. It does not. Success means fulfillment. If you did not fulfill at least a portion of your aspirations here at East Central this year, you have failed. And if you failed, East Central failed in part too, because EC is the student.

Many students failed academically this year. It is the tragedy that goes along with college life. It was, is, and will always be so. The fortunate who apply themselves have no regrets.

Some students failed to get to know EC—in their fellow students. This failure is unpardonable, for if we do not learn to get along with our fellow man, the knowledge we learn is of no good if it cannot be expressed to our fellow man. Each year there are those students who fail to get involved. They are on campus, but take little part in campus functions and extracurricular activities. These people not only fail their school but cheat themselves of the enjoyment these activities bring.

There is another type of failure by students. Each year there are those students who are suddenly on their own at college, away from mother and father. Sometimes these people fail themselves and their parents. This, perhaps, may be the most defeating type of failure.

But, many students succeeded at EC last year. They reached their goals, or at least made a valiant attempt. These people can now look back upon their year with a sense of pride and accomplishment. These are the people who are satisfied. They are the ones who are ready to travel new roads of success.

Take a good look at YOUR year at East Central. Was it as you had hoped it to be? Was it a success or was it a failure? But more important, what will you do with next year?

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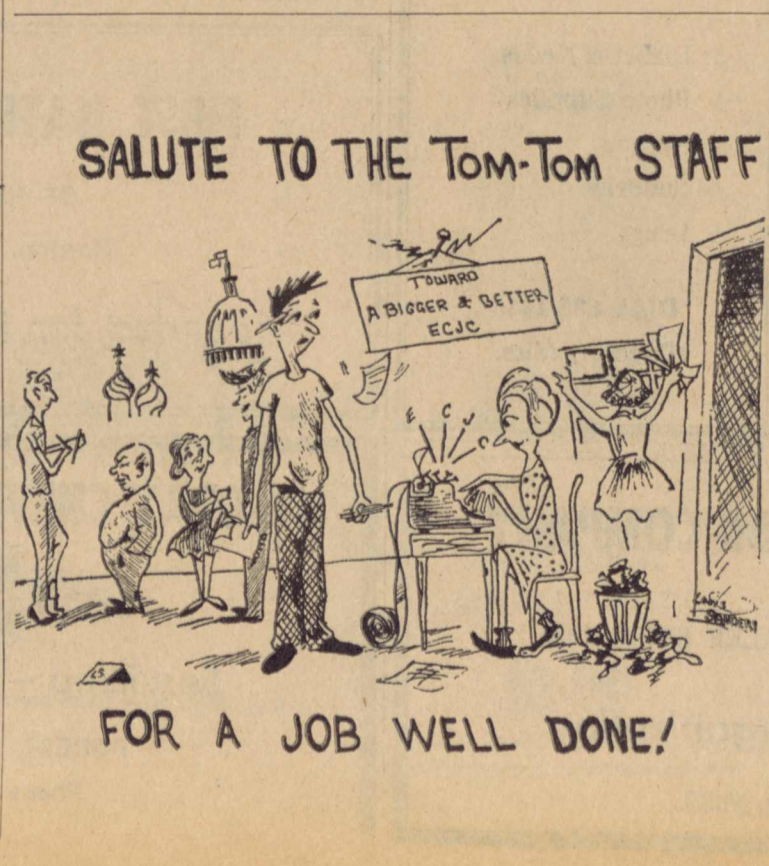

THRU FOUR EYES

The end is near! No funny, presimistic creatures with beards and signs are parading along the Mall announcing it, but it is coming. No, not the bomb, only the end of school. Look around you, just think of how soon it will be before you leave all this, and don't finiggle — you will miss it.

Think about it sophomores, there won't be any next year at East Central. You're off to see the world or maybe only to a job or another school. Don't say that leaving doesn't make you feel anything. Even if you don't feel sad, you will at least feel relieved.

Everyone has goodbyes to make. Some will be made amid great weepings and wailings and gnashings of teeth. Others will be made in the midst of great joy and laughter and clouds of dust as people peddle away as fast as possible. Still everyone will say goodbye in his own way. With every different feeling there is a different goodbye, and every student feels differently about EC. The one who put down roots in the library feels differently than the one who never let school interfere with his education. The girl who chased the guy until he caught her may not want to leave, unless she has him firmly in tow. The guy may feel the same way.

The last day of school is spent dashing about telling friends and teachers goodbye. Not only people but things rate verbal farewells. Do your part — go tell a Thing goodbye. Some thing that has become very near and dear or maybe not so very near and dear. Something that you will no doubt miss.

Goodbye broken chairs in the Student Center! Goodbye off - limits bench out front! Goodbye glue bottles that never work in the Tom-Tom room! Goodbye all you little funny noises the people upstairs make when they drop things at six in the morning! Goodbye camels that weirdo rommies talk about at two thirty a.m.! Goodbye peeping-Tom squirrel outside the window! Goodbye clanky pipes and clogged showers! Goodbye mailbox that refuses to open, and all the smashed acrons on the Mall!

Then there are the goodbyes to the people and things that you really will miss because they are so special. Things like laughing and even crying with a very special roommate who was never above a little plotting either, the group next door who would play cards three hours straight and then sit up until very early in the morning so that you wouldn't have to study alone. You'll say goodbye to the football games, the tennis matches, softball games, basketball games, and most important of all — the heckling basketball players. Goodbye to printer's ink and grease-paint, and building sets until one thirty in the morning. The part that really makes the glasses misty: saying goodbye to all the people who were so much fun to laugh with and talk with and maybe even get into a little trouble with!

Remember when you leave, whether it's for a long time or just for the summer, even when the times seemed bad it was still very, very good. Goodbye EC!

Faculty Club Officers

Officers for the 1969-70 Faculty club were elected at a recent faculty meeting.

The newly elected officers are as follows: J. E. Smith, president; Raymond McMullan, vice-president; Mrs. Billie Cork, secretary-treasurer.

Committee chairmen were also elected for the forthcoming year. They are B. L. Griffin, legislative committee chairman; Bruce Peterson, program committee chairman; Mrs. Susie Barnett, social committee chairman; and Clinton Russell, member-at-large.

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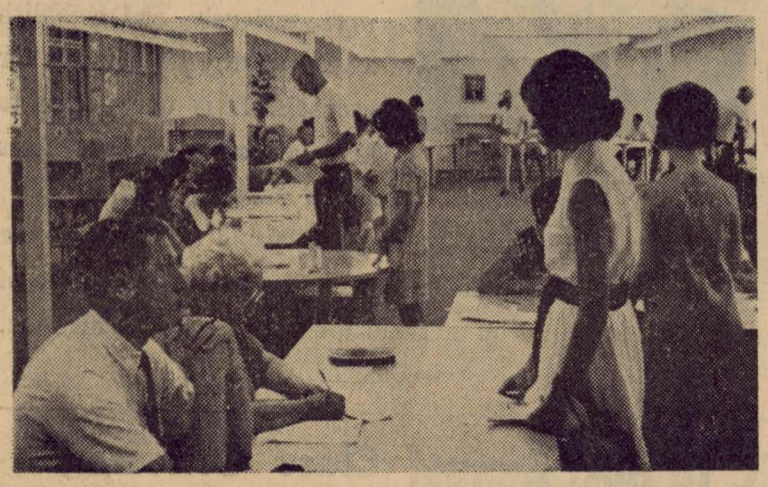
New Buildings and New Curriculums Greet Students For New School Year



Registration went smoothly on September 2. Here we see a view of the student line formed by the necessary and tiring task.

The final count for student enrollment as issued by Registrar Frank Rives, stands at 622 for the 1969-1970 session. This is a slight decrease in enrollment over the all-time high of 723 last year and the 1967 total of 700.

On Monday, September 1, East Central proudly opened its facilities for the 42nd session. Students who planned to room in the dormitories made themselves ready for the year by settling down after checking in at the dormitory offices on Monday.

On Tuesday, September 2, pre-registered freshmen and sophomores completed registration in the remodeled Burton Library. The sophomores registered from 8:30 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. and the freshmen registered from 12:30 p.m. until 4:30 p.m. The new thick carpet in the library was a welcome sight for the leg-weary registrants.

Registration procedures began with the students receiving information sheets as they entered the registration line. The students were then checked against the list of pre-registered students. The students were then directed to their individual class instructors, who were seated by departments for the advantage of the students. Students received IBM class cards and were checked against the teacher's list to make sure of no mistakes.

After receiving the IBM punch cards for each class, the students had their schedule checked to further alleviate error. The students were then photographed for their ID cards and were given temporary identification cards to be used until the permanent cards could be issued.

The final step in registration involved the paying of tuition and board fees collected by the business office, headed by Mr. B. L. Griffin.

There was little or no trouble in the registration, due to the precautions and careful detail worked out by the registrar's office. Everything was done with a minimum of time and with great efficiency.

Members of the Phi Theta Kappa assisted in the registration and did an excellent job as they always do.

Students who had not taken their ACT test were given the opportunity on Tuesday morning. These people were then registered on Wednesday with little loss of time, thanks to quick programming in the registration office.

A general assembly of all students was held on Wednesday morning at 8:00. Sixth, seventh, and eighth period classes were held that evening. The deadline for registration closed on Friday, September 12.

New Buildings and Curriculums

The new Vocational Technical building has now been totally finished and all machinery and equipment have been installed. There is a total of ten vocational and technical programs offered this year. None of these programs are filled to capacity, and students who wish to enter such programs are urged to consider the new EC facilities. The building covers 58,000 square feet and cost over a million dollars including all equipment.

The new agricultural-technology building is also a recent addition to the EC campus. The building covers 17,000 square feet and includes laboratories for soils, dairying, and farm mechanics. The building is located across the road north of the Vo-Tech building.

The new Fine Arts Building is

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PTK MEMBERS were first to be registered, but were the last to leave. They were an immense help as they assisted in registration.

EC Attended By Seven Valedictorians

By: David Rives

Seven high school valedictorians are among those freshmen entering East Central for the fall session. These valedictorians come from seven high schools in EC's district, representing four counties. Listed in alphabetical order: Joe Lee Anthony of Sebastopol, Hilda Edwards of Decatur, Allen Harrison of Beulah Hubbard, Billy Glenn Lindsey of Lena, Benny Patrick of Scott Central, Wilson Ray Perry of Edinburg, and Jan Walton of Union.

These seven young scholars are among the cream of the crop of last year's high school students. These are not just "brains" as most people think. Most are interested in a variety of subjects. All participated in many high school clubs and programs.

Joe Lee Anthony, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. K. Anthony of Sebastopol, is the prime example of "brain" and "brawn". Joe Lee participated in many school functions while maintaining a 97.2 average. He won the History Award one year, as well as the typing award. He also found time to participate in football, basketball, and track. In fact, he made all-conference in football and basketball, as well as making all-county and all-district in basketball. To further enumerate his accomplishments, Joe Lee was in the Beta, Athletic, and Library Clubs.

Another all-around boy is Allen Harrison of Beulah Hubbard. Allen, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. Z. Harrison, is majoring in secondary education. While at Beulah Hubbard, Allen won the American History Award, American Legion Award, and the Math Award. Active in sports, he captured all conference honors in football and basketball. He also found time to play baseball.

The next valedictorian is Billy Glenn Lindsey of Lena, son of Mr. and Mrs. Billy Lindsey. Billy Glenn is in pre-engineering while at East Central. At Lena High School, he participated in numerous clubs and projects. He was a member of the annual staff, FFA, 4—H, and the Wildlife Club.

Benny Patrick of Scott Central is the son of Mrs. Dorothy Patrick. Benny is in liberal arts while attending East Central. At Scott Central he was on the debate team, a member of the Beta Club, and the FFA. He also found time to work in dramatics. Benny was also a member of the annual staff and the paper staff.

Wilson Ray Perry, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Perry of Edinburg, was another all around valedictorian. He won numerous honors: three English awards, two Math awards and one typing award. He was also elected Best All Around Boy of Edinburg high school. He was a member of the Athletic club, participating in football and basket-

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Assembly Schedule Announced

The assembly schedule for the year was announced by Mr. Ovid Vickers, chairman of the assembly committee. Mr. Vickers has stated that he thinks that this year's programs have the widest possible variety and places emphasis on student participation.

On September 23, Mr. Martin Paschal of the Decatur High School will present a program of folk music. Last year, Mr. Paschal entertained the student body, and the reception was one of complete enjoyment. We welcome Mr. Paschal back.

Mr. Arno Vincent, associate Superintendent of the Meridian School District, will speak on October 7. Mr. Vincent was president of East Central from 1953 until 1962 and he has a definite interest in the junior college program, particularly East Central.

On October 21 the East Central Choir, under the direction of Mrs. Marion Thornton, will present its annual program. This year the program will include many of your favorite "pop" songs.

The Theta Xi chapter of Phi Theta Kappa at East Central has charge of the assembly of November 4. This year, the club is going to present a somewhat different program which will be more informal than in previous years.

Something new is in store for the students on November 18. The faculty will present an assembly in music on this date. Nothing specific has been mentioned, but it has to be interesting for sure.

The dates of December 9, January 27, and February 10 are uncertain, but it is known that the following groups will fill these: The Clarke College Choir, the Student Mississippi Education Association on campus, and Mr. W. H. Johnson, Jr., district attorney.

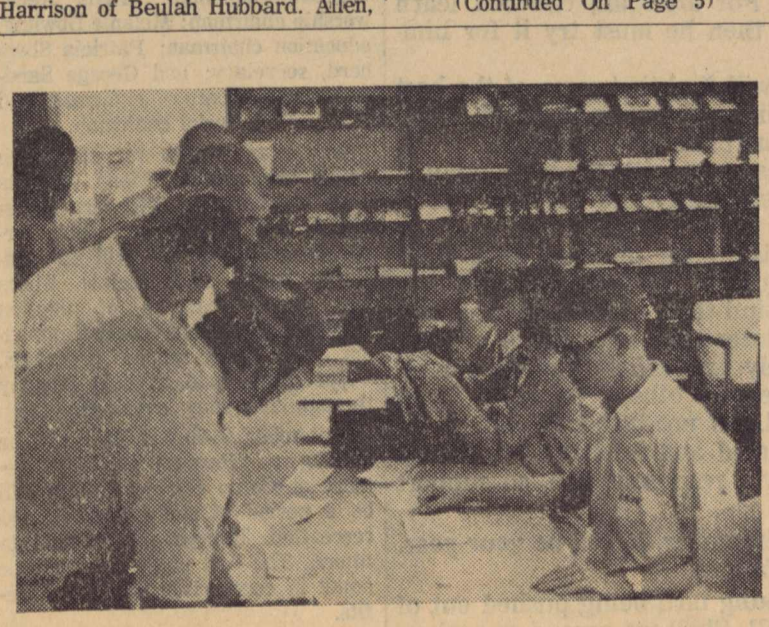
The East Central Players will present a play on February 24. Last year, the Players, under the direction of Mr. Bruce Peterson, presented "The Sandbox" and it was well received by the students.

On March 31, the Baptist Student Union will have charge of the assembly, and on April 14, the SBA will present candidates for election of next year's officers.

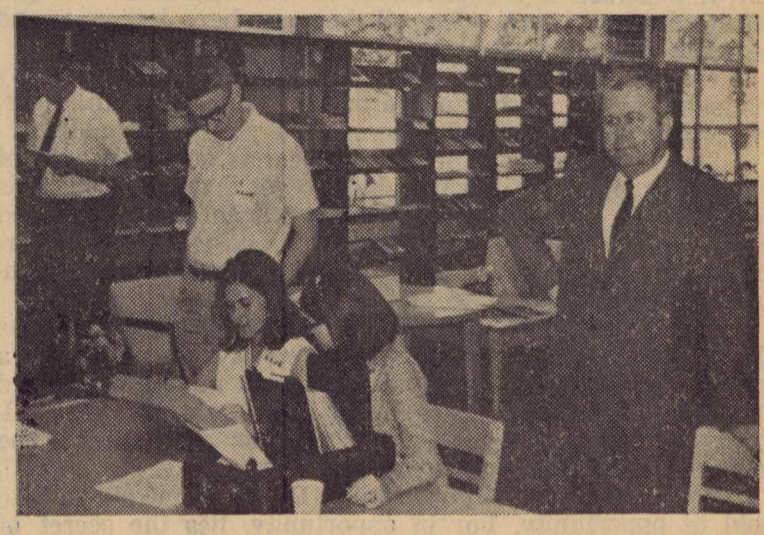
Awards Day will be held this year on May 5. This is a date which is always hailed as both a happy and a sad day — happy to those who receive awards, and sad to those who are to graduate and leave East Central.

The program of May 12 is held as an open date, according to Mr. Vickers, for any item that is of special importance.

The assembly committee is to be congratulated for this fine schedule of assemblies. Assembly programs are difficult to come by, and it is evident that the committee has spent many laborious hours in preparation. The committee members are to be congratulated.



Here Phi Theta Kappa members, Wayne Lasher, Joyce Freeman, and Mary Ann McDonald, help with registration.



Mr. Frank Rives, registrar, stands with PTK members seated nearby. Could Mr. Rives be thinking: Only 500 more to go?

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On The Wake Of Camille

Mississippi has recently faced history's most devastating hurricane. The once beautiful Gulf Coast of our state is now in shambles. It is a tragedy seldom surpassed in destruction. Many lives were lost and practically all of Mississippi's beach front was obliterated into nothing more than a gigantic garbage dump.

On the wake of Camille, one is stupified at first by the destruction, which is conservatively estimated at over $500 million. Thousands were left homeless.

On second thought of the situation, one has to brighten up somewhat. For out of the destruction and the death, shines something of a character rarely seen in such magnitude—man's ability to persevere and remain undaunted, and his kindness and generosity to those in need.

Man can withstand a natural force such as Camille, and much more if he has determination, but he can only survive as long as he is able to be determined and is able to be generous to those less fortunate than himself. Without these qualities, man is doomed by self-extinction and not natural forces such as Camille.

The Gulf Coast will pick itself up and make the comeback it has to make. It will prove man's ability.

Man's generosity has already been tested. The recent We Care Telethon was inspiration. Over one million dollars was raised by the people of our state. The Mississippi Broadcasters Association sponsored the Telethon, and it is to be commended. The money raised will be distributed to the Gulf Coast municipalities to be used to help rebuild the destroyed cities.

Yes, Camille has come and gone, but man and his determination remain. The Gulf Coast will arise bigger and braver than ever. The big test is gone, and man has passed the exam in excellence.

Shall We Fly?

As we begin a new year at East Central, let us pause a moment and reflect on why we came to East Central, what we hope to accomplish while here, and, perhaps, speculate on what we intend to make of ourselves.

East Central now has two castes—sophomore and freshmen. It will not be long until both are united and little thought is made to whether a person is a freshman or sophomore. This is the way it usually goes, and it is well for East Central that it happens.

If a person is a sophomore, he will take little thought about why he is here. After all, he came here last year, and he probably came back to EC out of habit.

On the other hand, there is the freshman. He is basically our subject. The freshman is a unique blend of youth, vigor, curiosity, speculation, gullibleness, and yes, boys, baldness.

The freshman will, before the year is out, learn one of life's most important lessons—how to get through it all. This is a difficult course in itself. Perhaps, it should be included in the Orientation class, but it is not, and it makes little difference—the sophomores are masters of the art and the freshmen are eager to learn.

College life is difficult. But in the same instant, it can be richly rewarding. To the freshman, we say, do not waste a minute of your life. Life is precious, for a minute once lived will never come back. Budget your life. Again we say simultaneously, have fun and enjoy this year, for after all, it is the only one of its kind and it comes but once.

Take advantage of opportunity. Do not be afraid to take hold of opportunity. For in opportunity, lies the secret of success. Success is measured by many standards. The college person soon learns that success can only be accomplished by hard work and determination. We urge the student to begin now to be successful—do not wait until semester exams to study. The college young person who prepares himself day by day in his studies finds himself way ahead at the end of the semester. Grades **are** important. Do not let anyone tell otherwise. Success cannot be measured solely by grades, but it is an indication of the person, his ability, and his determination. And so to the freshman, let us make it clear that work and preparation will mean much when the grades are passed out.

As for extracurricular activities, we urge the college person to participate as much as possible in those programs and clubs which interest him. One will find that experience is the best teacher, no matter how much knowledge he has stored within his college head. For after all, one can learn just so much from a book, and then he must try it for himself and "get his feet wet."

The college man or woman will find that some of the best and happiest moments of their life can be experienced in the fellowship of some of the campus clubs and programs. Here, we meet people and learn to associate with them. Communication is the key word, and in extracurricular activities, communication is essential.

Lastly we urge the students to get involved with their campus, especially with the Student Body Association. We urge the student body to get behind their elected officials and the school functions. With an interested and active student body, a year can go by smoothly and efficiently. So get involved—state your views, but respect others' opinions. Fight for your rights, but be graceful. Do not be afraid to get involved. Remember to stay informed and interested in school elections. The elected officers will represent you, so support the best qualified candidate.

Yes, this will be a year to remember. It will be **your** year. You will make it a success or a failure.

We are like the fledgling young bird being pushed out of the nest. We will either fly or fall. Shall we spread our wings and fly?

FDR

THE EDITOR'S NOTEBOOK

(File No. 13)

Who me . . . Editor? Naw!

I really didn't realize what I was getting myself into when I took the editorship of the **Tom-Tom.** So far, I've done about everything **but** edit the paper.

It is a new experience for me and for Mrs. Alford, our sponsor. Mrs. Alford should get a gold medal or something if she makes it through this year with me as editor. Good luck, Mrs. "A."

Points To Ponder

I was hoping for something new to catch the student's eyes this year. I thought about a diagonal letter heading on the front page, but, I ran scared and didn't do it. Actually, I think it would be sharp.

Speaking Of Freshmen (?)

If you're a freshman at EC and think you have it rough, just think of the poor guys at Hinds who have to pay a buck to get their hair shaved off. Man, that's adding robbery to insult!

Ad Sales

We sold ads for the paper three weeks ago. We learned a lot. There are some real nice people in our five-county area and they really support us. I met few people who were rude. I ran upon only one gentleman who insisted upon telling me what was wrong with EC.

Some Miscellaneous Facts About The Paper

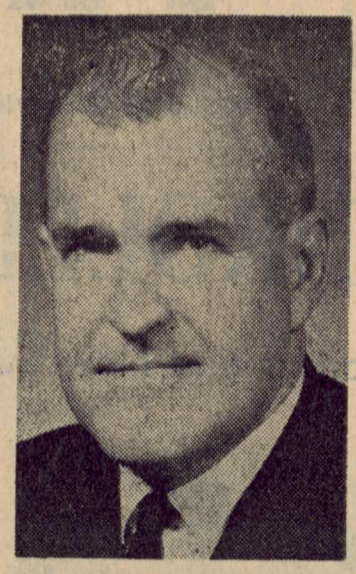
If you don't already know it, the paper staff has to have articles handed in at least a week before the time the paper comes out. Sometimes, the news has to be speculated upon. In other words, sometimes we write about something and tell the reader what has happened, when actually, at the time of the writing, it had not even occurred. And like man, that can present some interesting situations.

The paper staff is organized from volunteers. Actually, a little arm-twisting is involved, and occasionally a threat is involved, but otherwise, we're a peaceable loving bunch!

The Student Center

It was odd to me last year, and it is repeating itself this year. What I am talking about is this: During the first eight or nine weeks of school the student center is literally packed with students most of the time. In fact, it is hard to find a seat. Then, when the pink slips are issued, you can begin to find a seat. And by the second semester there are vacant seats all over the place. And by the end of school, hardly anyone goes in during study hours. Very odd, wouldn't you say?

President's Welcome



To those of you who are returning to East Central Junior College and to those who are here for the first time, I extend to you a very hearty welcome and congratulate you for seeking additional educational experiences. On behalf of the administration, faculty, and staff, may I impress upon you to ask for assistance, take your work seriously, and establish a very worthy set of goals for yourself. It is our desire to help you achieve these goals and if you fail, we fail.

May your stay here be very enjoyable and the friends that you make be everlasting, and may your education be of great value to you as an individual, our State, and our Nation.

—Charles V. Wright

EC To Host Annual English Workshop

The Third Annual Regional English Workshop will hold its convention on the East Central campus Thursday, September 25, 1969. The workshop is sponsored by the State Department of Education. East Central is proud to have been chosen as the site for this program.

Mr. Ovid Vickers, head of the English Department, will be in charge of the arrangements for the meeting. The director of the workshop is Mrs. Augustine McPhail.

The subject matter for the program will be composition. The workshop is held for the participation of all high school English teachers in this region. The program will include a panel discussion, speeches, and discussion periods among participants.

Mr. Vickers will moderate a panel, with a subject heading entitled "Teaching Composition: How, When, Where, and Why" at 1:35 p.m.

At 3:10 that afternoon, Mrs. Carrie Ann Alford will speak on "Skill in Composition."

East Central is proud to sponsor the English workshop which is the first of its kind at EC.

Class Officers Are Elected

John Vance, a sophomore from Sebastopol, and Buddy Fanning, freshman from Neshoba Central, were selected as class presidents recently. Seven schools in the district were represented by the 12 officers.

The other freshmen class officers are: Mickey Sessions, Union, vice-president; Karen Cooper, Carthage, secretary; June Jackson, Neshoba Central, treasurer; Gwen Hardin, Sebastopol, and Colbert Kennedy, Newton, SBA representatives.

Freshman sponsors are Dean Brackeen and Mrs. Pouncey.

Sophomore class officers are: Billy Rowzee, Decatur, vice-president; George Sholar, Morton, treasurer; Gary Gordon, Forest, and Stanley Graham, Decatur, SBA representatives.

Sophomore sponsors are Mr. Vickers and Mrs. Graham.

BSU Needs You

There is a place for you in BSU. One of the busiest organizations on our campus is the Baptist Student Union or BSU. This organization has its headquarters in the white building across the road from Dr. Wright's house. The center has a large assembly room, lounge, prayer room, and kitchen.

Miss Bryant, or Miss B, is the director of the E. C. Baptist Student Union. Her office is in the center, and she is available from 9:00 until 7:00 most days.

The officers for this year were chosen last spring. They are Mike Edwards, president; John Vance, vice-president; Glenda McMullan, mission chairman; Travis Kelly, worship chairman; Melanie Dowling, education chairman; Patricia Shepherd, secretary; and George Sanders, communications chairman and Nancy Hall, social chairman.

Why so many officers? BSU is an active organization. Many students were welcomed to BSU last Thursday night at the "Welcome-In." During the year the BSU will be sponsoring many such socials. There will also be weeks of mission emphasis, dedicated vocation emphasis, and other special programs. Vespers are held at 6:00 Monday through Thursday evenings.

September 26-28 the BSU will be holding a "Purpose in Life" retreat at Camp Garaywa. This will be a period of study, prayer, and recreation. Everyone is invited to attend. The cost of the trip will be small in comparison with the benefits.

You will find that involvement in the BSU will be a rewarding experience. Won't you give it a try?

CHOIR HERALDS PLANS

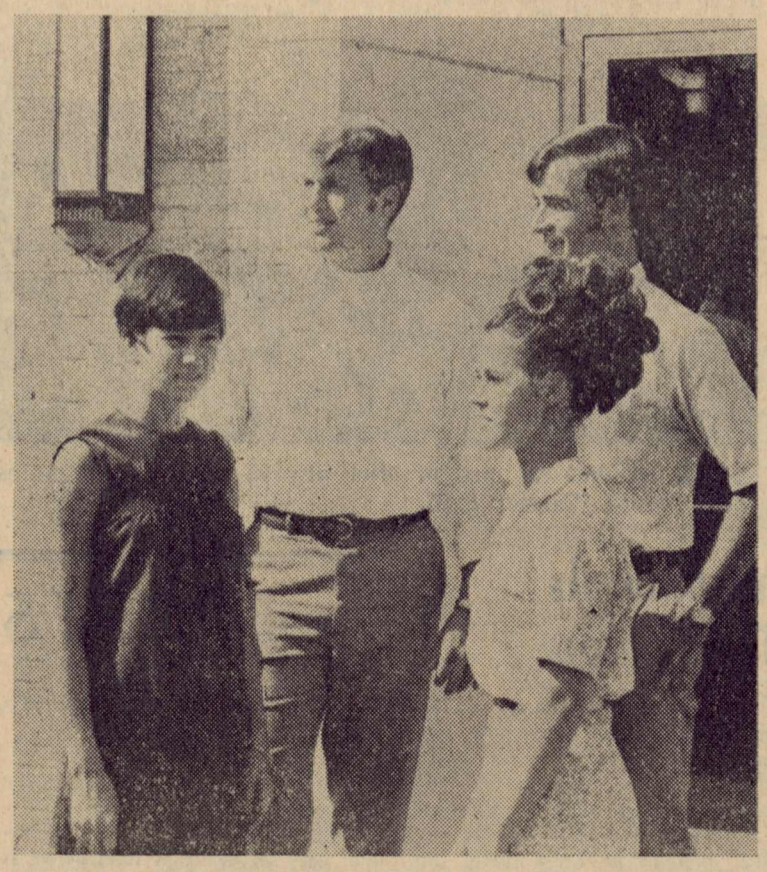
Mrs. Thornton announces that there will be about 32 members in the mixed choir this year.

Many plans have already been made for choir performances and more plans are in progress. The choir will present an assembly program October 21 to begin the year's activities. The choir will also be helping with the dedication of the Fine Arts building at Homecoming. As last year the choir will present a televised Christmas program.

Highlights of the second semester will be a high school tour, participation at Choral Festival and a musical or operetta. Choral Festival will be in March at Hinds Junior College with most of the state Junior College choirs participating. For presentation of the musical, the Music Department will collaborate with the Drama Department. "Oklahoma" is one of the musicals being considered. During Fine Arts Week in May, the choir will present a spring concert.

There are other singing groups on campus in addition to the non-selective mixed choir. These are a girls' ensemble, the Bel Cantos; a boys' quarte, the Troubadours; and a new selected mixed group called the Collegians.

There will be a place in the choir for every interested person regardless of musical preferance, whether it is rock, soul, sacred or whatever, because a variety of material will be performed.



STUDENT BODY LEADERS for the 1970 year are (left to right): Dottie Horn, treasurer; Sam Bounds, president; Nanelle Evans, secretary; and Travis Kelly, vice-president.

A Message From The SBA President

by Sam Bounds

As president of the Student Body Association, I wish to extend to you on behalf of my fellow officers a warm welcome to East Central Junior College. The Student Body Association hopes to create a better East Central this year by improving the school spirit and by encouraging active participation in the classroom, and in extra-curricular activities.

On behalf of the SBA officers, I extend to you our time and talents if we can be of assistance to you at any time during the coming year. We welcome your opinions and criticism, and urge the students to voice their sentiments. Together we can work for the improvement of East Central.

Let us diligently strive to make the year 1969-70 the best ever. We have the students with the ability to make this a great school year, and we know they will do just that.

To totally become a part of the East Central campus, the SBA urges the student to get involved in all facets of our school — the classwork, the extra-curricular activities, and the athletic program. We especially urge the student body to get behind and support our athletic program.

Together we can go forward and make this OUR year, and the SBA with your help, intends to make this the best year ever.

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nearing completion soon. The music and art departments will be housed there. Art studios, music rooms, and a small auditorium are included within the building when completed.

The 200 seat auditorium will probably be one of the most used rooms on campus, once it is completed. The music library and choral room will add greatly to the music department.

Other plans are in the making for the physical complex of the college. A new physical education plant is now on the drawing board. The building will probably be located at or near the football field.

A new men's dorm, which is desperately needed, is being planned, as well as an addition to the sophomore women's dormitory.

East Central is proud of its campus and its students. These new buildings are only one way that East Central moves with the times to grasp hold of the future!

Below is a list of the number of students by curriculum who enrolled:

	1969	1968
Agriculture	24	26
Business Administration	59	65
Elementary Education	11	16
Secondary Education	24	44
Physical Education	31	29
Industrial Education	3	8
Pre-Engineering	25	29
Home Economics	19	20
Liberal Arts	251	278
Pre-Dental	3	4
Pre-Pharmacy	6	7
Pre-Medical	11	10
Pre-Optometry	1	0
Pre-Nursing	2	1
Music Education	6	13
Intensive Business	32	29
Secretarial Science	17	27
Farm Management	2	5
Architectural Drafting	16	23
Auto Mechanics	13	15
Body and Fender	2	13
Electricity	5	18
Refrigeration and Air-Conditioning	5	0
Machine Shop	4	0
Radio and Television	2	0
Welding	7	0
Instrumental Major	1	0
Laboratory Technician	2	3
TOTAL	622	723

Reporter — David Rives

EC ATTENDED—

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ball. In fact, he did so well he gained all conference titles in both and made All Leake County his senior year in basketball.

Jan Walton, a Union lass, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Walton. While at Union High School, Jan won the Home Economics Award. She was a very active participant in the Beta Club for four years. She also found time to be in the Library Club and the Science Club.

The valedictorian from Decatur High School is Hilda Edwards. Hilda is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. O. Edwards. She received many awards while in high school and engaged in numerous clubs and projects. She was Star Student of her graduating class. She also captured the Betty Crocker Homemaking Award her senior year. Hilda was a member of the Beta Club for three years and was also in the Future Teachers of America Club. She also found time her senior year to be co-editor of her school annual.

Congratulations are in store for these seven scholars. They are truly all around persons with motivation and ability. East Central is both honored and proud to have these seven valedictorians as students.

Did You Know...

That the boy's dorm at East Central once sat where the Baptist church now stands.

That Governor Elect John Bell Williams is a nephew of Mr. J. Wallace Bedwell of the Commerce Department.

That the East Central Gymnasium was the first brick gym built in this area of the state.

That Miss Wood has had great success teaching swimming but can't swim.

That Mrs. Hull of Home Economics fame, would have represented the U. S. in the Olympics had she not sprained her ankle. While a student at M. S. C. W., Mrs. Hull hurled the hurl ball further than it had ever been hurled before. Hull's hurl won for her an invitation to the Olympics, and she has the papers to prove it.

That East Central's basketball team has twice won fourth place in the nation in Junior College basketball. That Mr. Cross coached the only state championship football team that East Central ever had.

That Mrs. Rudolph Mayes, secretary to the Registrar, had her tonsils removed in a church.

That there was a Junior College in Carthage until 1928. The records of this school are now kept in the ECJC Registrar's Office.

That Dr. William D. McCain, President of the University of Southern Mississippi, taught at East Central.

That "Smiling Through" was the first play presented after the college was founded in 1928.

That the little building on the baseball field is a fall-out shelter.

That the first E. C. newspaper was called the News Sifter and was published in 1937.

That E. C. students once wore uniforms. The girls wore pink or blue dresses and the boys wore overalls. (For verification check the 1914 catalogue). You see, there were even flower children back then. There is nothing new under the sun. This would be considered very Hippie in 1969.

That the Architect who designed the library, science building, and Jackson Hall is a graduate of ECJC.

That student jobs are not what they once were. At one time working students plowed on the college farm which was where the football field is now located. (Understand please that the student workers were not hitched to the plow, but were only responsible for saying "Gee" and "Haw.")

That the college once chartered trains to take students to football games.

That Brother Neill is the oldest Pi Kappa Alpha in the state.

That Neshoba Hall once had a plant which provided the electricity for the building. It was called Del-Co System. The building was also constructed without plumbing, but did have a back door which has now been bricked up.

That couples have been married in the Wesley Room, the Auditorium (a double wedding) and on the front campus (twice after May Day).

That in 1953 a man died under the south goal in the gym, all the lights on the campus went out, and a water main burst under Jackson Hall—all during the last minutes of a basketball game.

That the safe in Mr. Vickers' office will, in all probability, fall through on the college heating plant which is right underneath.

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Bobcats Overpower Warriors

by

Dwite Pilgrim

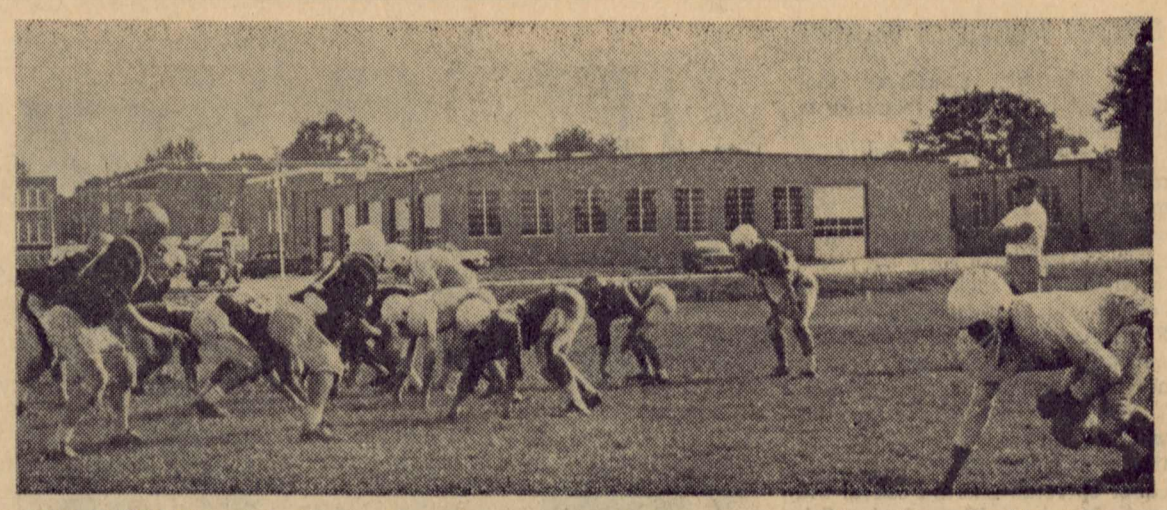
E.C.J.C. went up against their toughest opponents of the season Saturday night at Laurel. Jones Junior College, picked number one in the conference, proved their claim to the title by defeating the Warriors by a score of 43 to 13.

E. C., according to their fans' wishes, "gave Jones everything the Bobcats could handle in the first half as the score seesawed back and forth.

Warrior quarterback Ronny Smith, passed to Bo Gibbs in the Bobcat endzone for the Warriors' first score. The point after touchdown, kicked by Rusty McMullan, tied the game early in the first quarter. The Bobcats made a comeback as Reggie Shoemaker kicked a field goal putting them in the lead once again.

The Warriors displayed their never ending fight by coming from behind to take the lead 17 to 13 as Terry Beckham scored for the Warriors, but by halftime the Bobcats had taken the lead, which they commanded the rest of the game. Determined not to surrender, the Warriors came back the second half with fighting spirit, but the odds were too great against them for victory to be accomplished.

All in all it was a well fought battle and the Warriors should be commended for their efforts. The Warriors have two weeks to prepare themselves for their next opponent, Northeast Junior College on October 4 at Northeast.



LONG HOURS of hard practice always precede the games as show here in this picture of a recent Warrior drill.

EC Warriors Fall 14-12 To Bears

The "Bears" won, but it is certain that they are missing a few patches of fur from the Warrior tomahawks. The Southwest team won a close one on Thursday night, September 11. It was almost a re-run of the game last year at Summit. The Warriors jumped to a quick lead and lost it by too many mistakes being made by inexperienced freshmen.

The Southwest team got off to a shaky start as Warrior halfback Billy Rowzee ran the kickoff to the Bear 45 yard line. A penalty put the ball on the 30 before the Warriors became stymied and attempted a field goal which was short.

On the first series of downs with the Bears in possession, the Warriors held firm and forced the Southwest team to punt. A high snap from center sent the ball over the punters head and the Warriors made a touchback in the endzone.

Warriors Ahead

The Warriors were ahead by 2-0 with three minutes of action gone.

The kickoff again went to Rowzee who raced to the 50 yard line. Quarterback Ronnie Smith then rifled a pass to Gibbs for 15 yards. A play later, Smith hit Rowzee on a "flare" pass, and Rowzee raced behind blockers to the endzone. The extra point was good and the Warriors led 9-0 with scarcely four minutes gone in the game.

After an exchange of balls and then a Southwest interception, the Bears began to move behind their quarterback, J. C. Brown. Brown ran to the three yard line on an end sweep and then sneaked over center for the touchdown. The score stood 9-7 for the Warriors with four minutes left in the first quarter.

The ball went back and forth for the rest of the period. East Central's defense began to look good, but the offense sputtered. About the only one on the EC team to be able to move the ball was Terry Beckham of Edinburg.

In the opening minute of the second quarter, East Central ran out of steam on a drive, and Rusty McMullan was called upon to try a 25 yard field goal, which he drilled through the uprights. The Warriors now led by 12-7.

The Southwest team came roaring back, however, and used a balanced running attack to crush the Warrior defense. East Central looked weak on the end sweeps. The Bears scored after they made a first down on the 4 yard line. Ronnie Smith, their fullback, plunged over tackles to put the Bears in a 14-12 lead.

The rest of the half saw Southwest grab a deflected EC pass, but the Warriors held the Bears on downs, and then were held themselves on the next series before the half ended.

Last Half

The last half was mostly a seesaw battle among the two teams. Neither Southwest or East Central could penetrate the other's stout defense. Mistakes on both sides killed all threats during the last quarter, but interceptions thwarted both.

Recap

The game was just about as expected, as far as the type football was concerned. Both teams really went for broke. There was a full 60 minutes of hard-nose football played. Unfortunately, EC's inexperienced offense could not muster the necessary punch for a score in the last half.

The Warrior defense did a superb job of allowing only 2 touchdowns. The Southwest team had one more advantage — they had played one ball game. Experience is essential in junior college football, and Southwest was one up on EC's freshmen.

Outstanding players are many, but those who cannot be overlooked are Billy Rowzee who did his usual fine job, Freddie Terrell, who is a tough foe always, and Wayne Hatcher, a dedicated football player who always gives it his best.

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Intramurals To Organize

One of the strongest points that sports has is that of the vast mass participation afforded the enthusiast at East Central through the intramural program that is supervised each year by faculty sponsors. This year the intramurals have Miss Lucille Wood and Mr. Bob Johnson as faculty advisors.

Miss Wood has been active in intramural programs since she has been at East Central. Miss Wood is returning to E. C. after a leave of absence last year to further her work at the University of Southern Mississippi.

Mr. Johnson comes to East Central this year as dormitory supervisor after teaching in Louisiana. Mr. Johnson is a graduate of E. C. and played center on the basketball team while here.

The women's and men's councils are to organize shortly. The events and rules will be decided upon then. The women's program will definitely include basketball, volleyball, and possibly badminten.

The men's events will include flag football, basketball, and volleyball. Other events may be included, also.

Extramurals between East Central's finest women players and other schools in the state will again be scheduled this year, after last year's lapse. Basketball and volleyball will definitely be played in extramurals.

All interested students are urged to participate by Miss Wood and Mr. Johnson. So if you are sports minded and physically fit, participate in the intramural activity.

WARRIORS COMPLETE PRACTICE SESSIONS

The East Central Junior College Warrior football team, led by head coach Ken Pouncey and assistant coach Billy Baucum, has completed its annual fall practice sessions and now settles down to the task of winning ballgames. Like most coaches in the junior college ranks, Coach Pouncey has a wait-and-see attitude toward his team.

The team is lacking in real depth, as it usually is this time of year. Coach Pouncey has a real fine set of freshmen, but experience is lacking and it will be the freshmen who will have to fill the gaps left by graduation.

Practice has been the usual hard scrimmage sessions, and the coaches and boys are primed for the first outing against Southwest on EC's field. As of this writing, the game has not been played. Southwest has already played their first game and lost to Northeast 39-21.

The Southwest team has speed, strength, and big men. East Central is not a large team and has to make up the difference in quickness.

The team has nine returning lettermen from last season. The Warriors have three more sophomores who are playing for the first time. The rest of the team is composed of eighteen freshmen.

If East Central can win against Southwest, and gain a little confidence, there is the possibility that the team can surprise everyone this season.

In a pre-season poll in the **Clarion-Ledger** of Jackson, Perkinston was picked over Jones in a tight vote to win the conference crown. East Central was picked next to last, ahead of Hinds. Everything for East Central hinges on the freshmen. But then, Ohio State won the national crown last year with sophomores, so who knows?

SPORTS FORUM

By David Rives

Fall Has Fell And Football Fever Is Rising!

Every year about this time everyone gets the fever of football. It is a basic American custom to do so. Soon we begin to watch the annual ciashes, see the flurry and fanfare, and enjoy it all.

Before we begin to speculate and articulate upon some of the teams, let us give a brief resume of the game's history.

Football is a direct offshoot of soccer. The English started the whole thing by originating a sport where the ball was truly kicked around. They called the sport, naturally enough — football. Soon, advocates changed the game somewhat and began the Rugby football, which was still a form of the original football.

Dissenters led by the London Football Association changed Rugby into what is now known as soccer. But it was the Rugby football that made the greater contribution to the American sport.

November 6, 1869 is the date most generally accepted as the beginning of American football as we know it today. On that day, twenty-five young men on each side of teams from Rutgers and Princeton played the first intercollegiate game. Since that time football has grown into a gigantic, multi-million dollar organization on many levels.

Football is now in its centennial year. Everyone will hear football, football, football for the rest of the year. But do not be disturbed — centennials only come once every one hundred years, so if you get sick of all the publicity, cheer up — you won't be around a hundred years from now to hear it again!

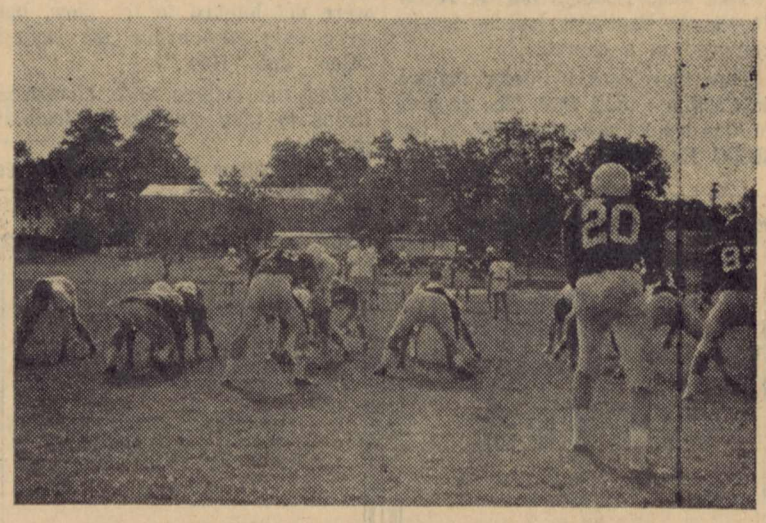
Pre-Season Choices

It is always fun and interesting to do a little pre-season speculation as to which teams will win in the coming season. But this lowly scribe will once again stick his neck out and gaze into his crystal ball.

As for the Mississippi Junior College Conference, my choice is Jones. Perk is good, and it will definitely be between the two, but Jones will come out on top again. East Central will have an excellent season to have a 5-4 record. There are just too many teams that are bigger, stronger, and have more depth.

As for the SEC, it will be between Ole Miss and Goergia. We will go with Ole Miss this year. Frankly, we do not see a single soft spot in the Ole Miss team. Georgia will again be tough with Mike Cavan at quarterback, but they did lose two All-Americans and this will hurt. So, take it all Ole Miss!

As far as the national picture is concerned, we will go with the Ohio State Buckeyes. They will not go all the way undefeated this year, but then, we don't believe anyone else will either. The SEC champ will be in the top three this year, we believe. And we furthermore believe that the SEC will fare better — much better — in the bowl games this year than the 3-3 showing made last year.



COACH POUNCEY (center) oversees his men in this photo of the Warrior's practice.

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Nineteen Graduate In January

Dean of Academics, B. J. Tucker, announces nineteen East Central students as candidates for graduation. These nineteen students will graduate in January after the satisfactory completion of this semester's courses. Dean Tucker stated that these students will be asked to participate in the May graduation since no formal graduation will be held in January.

Candidates for graduation:

Certificates — Pam Allen, Philadelphia; Beverly L. Chancellor, Louisville; Charles "Sonny" Magers, Morton.

Associate Arts Degree — Cecil Ray Jordan, Walnut Grove; Herman Monroe Russell, Henton Dewayne Walton, Little Rock; Carney H. Nicholson Jr., Jimmie Daniels, Troy Levoy Keene, Philadelphia; Kathy Barrett, Charles Gressett, Decatur; Sandra Elaine Hill, Wade Benny Fulcher, Jackie McBrayer, Tommy Richard Peterson, Louisville; Sheryl Smith, Newton; Betty Gibson, Lawrence; Tommy Lynn Roberts, Carthage; Otto James Rouse, Union.

Former President Assembly Speaker

Mr. Arno Vincent, former president of East Central, spoke to the student body in assembly, October 7. Mr. Vincent has been associated with East Central for a long period of time as a student and later as a teacher, a coach of basketball and football, and the dean of men before becoming president of the institution.

In advising the "under 20" generation, Mr. Vincent gave two important statements of advice: (1) Choose your life mate with care, and (2) Choose your vocation with equal care.

Mr. Vincent is presently serving as assistant superintendent of Meridian schools. The superintendent is Dr. L. O. Todd, also a former E. C. J. C. president. Mr. Vincent mentioned several prominent Mississippi educators who are former East Central students.

Food Preference Survey Completed

Mr. Leonard Lee, East Central Cafeteria manager, is announcing the completion of the annual food survey which is used to improve the school menu.

The survey is sponsored by Aral Slater Food Services.

The food survey allows the student to have a voice in what food menus are prepared. The survey is taken and processed by a computer. The results are carefully analyzed and studied by the Slater Services.

Since the survey has been initiated, the student menu has been changed at various times to keep pace with the students' tastes and preferences.

Deborah Pierce Reigns Over Homecoming Activities

Pictured above are the seven lovely girls elected as the 1969-70 Homecoming Court. Left to right, front row, are Deborah Pierce, Queen, from Decatur; and Nona Butler, Maid of Honor, from Lake. The three sophomore maids standing on the second row are Patsy Nester, Lake; Dottie Horn, Forest; and Patty Hatcher, Nanih Waiya. On the third row are the Freshman maids, Paula Hollingsworth, Forest; Debbie Pearson, Lake; and Karen Cooper, Carthage.

HOMECOMING IS . . .

A return to the place where you spent so many happy hours
A proudly decorated campus just for you
A queen in her radiant beauty.
A crowd yelling hysterically for your team.

Alumni Return To East Central

On Saturday, October 25, East Central Junior College holds its annual homecoming and alumni meeting. Homecoming will certainly be one of the highlights of the 1969-70 school year.

The parade is scheduled for 4:00 p.m., followed by the dedication of the Fine Arts Building at 5:00. The Alumni Business Meeting will be held in the Fine Arts Building immediately following the dedication.

The Alumni Banquet is scheduled for 6:00. The Pre-game activities will begin at 7:30. The homecoming queen will be crowned at halftime activities of the ECJC vs. Pearl River game.

Places of interest to the Alumni such as the dormitories and some of the activity places will be specially decorated for the homecoming guests.

Chairman of this year's homecoming is Mr. Bruce Peterson, East Central speech instructor.

New Library Being Enlarged

For most of the freshmen nearly everything at East Central is new, but for the sophomores its about the same except for the remodeled library which will be a great help and joy to the students when they begin writing those marvelous term papers.

Included in the decor are: white linen window-length drapes over all the windows; an aqua carpet, studying, and talking to members of the opposite sex; a magazine section complete with choice magazines and newspapers; as well as comfortable leather chairs and couch. There are also various sections complete with tables and comfortably padded chairs for the reading guides, bound periodicals, encyclopedias, and books in reserve. The main section of books which contains many new books is back behind the check out desk which is at the right after one enters the front door of the library.

Not only has the library been remodeled, but quite a few additions have been made such as a copying machine, a microfish reader, and perhaps best of all, a display case containing various historical items.

Mrs. Burkes, and Mrs. Barnett, East Central's librarians urge all the students, old and new, to come by and have a first hand look at East Central's library which is not only pleasing to the eye, but it helps meet the study needs of the students.

Remaining Football Schedule

Oct. 25	Pearl River	Here
Oct. 30	Northwest	Here
Nov. 6	Miss. Delta	There
Nov. 13	Co-Lin	There

WELCOME ALUMNI!

-EDITORIALS-

A Note of Praise

Recently, President Nixon has taken one short step in the long walk to halting the Vietnam War. It was only a short step, but it is much more than has been done before. The withdrawal of 35,000 troops and the postponement of the draft for the rest of the year are something of a miracle, when one thinks of the pressure that Nixon had to contend with in making such steps.

If Nixon can succeed in withdrawing from Vietnam with anything of a semblance of honor, it **will** be a miracle. As of now Nixon has smoothly but quickly reversed many of the cycles that have led to deterioration of our country. He has met challenge after challenge and either ignored them into oblivia or sharply resisted them. It is to the President's credit that he has handled the Washington strings with such finesse. Nixon shows something not seen for some time in the White House—common sense. It is an unusually welcome sight.

Mr. Nixon is quietly turning some of the bureaucracy's usurped powers back into the hands of the people. If we can succeed in stopping the Vietnam War and in calming the domestic chaos, he will undoubtedly retire as one of the greatest presidents in this century. He will have headed off certain collision.

President Nixon is slowly reversing the trends begun by the radical liberals, but it will take time to return the nation into its once stable path.

We hope for Mr. Nixon, and for America, that he will have that time. And we hope he continues to use it wisely.

"Tis Pity tis True"

Recently it has come to our attention that there is a quality that is quickly fading from today's scene. It is a shame, too, for without at least a token of this trait, man is doomed to a sure downfall.

We are talking about the virtue (if you please) called dependability. The word is seldom used, but then, so is the quality, also.

Do not misinterpret the contention just stated. The trait of dependability and its counterpart, duty to responsibility, are not extinct, but they are on the decline. Gone is the day when one can ask another to do something and know that it will be done if possible. Only individuals exhibit the virtue—the masses have long since adopted the popular "don't care" attitude.

It seems that it is much easier to "pass the buck" and let John Doe do the work, than to do it for one's self.

America was built on dependability. But more important, perhaps it cannot survive without it. For in this world of fun and frolic, someone must shoulder the responsibility; otherwise, who will run the businesses, make the laws, defend the country, and all the other things that **must** be done if the nation is to survive.

All too often, young people depend on adults for all their needs. Many find out that this situation cannot continue when they get on their own. It is then that they find out that it is they who are to be depended upon.

As students in college, we should develop a sense of responsibility toward our duties and obligations. We will soon find that no one is going to lead us by the hand through this demanding world—there are no guardian angels.

Yes, responsibility and dependableness may seem to be abstract words reserved for Sunday morning sermons, but they are much more applicable and pertinent on Monday morning than most realize. Yes, "it was a job well done" seems to be the exception rather than the rule and it is tragic, tragic pity.

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THE EDITOR'S NOTEBOOK

(File No. 13)

Absentmindedness

It happens every year and is very amusing to the onlooker. What am I talking about? I'm talking about the freshmen who forget about which periods they have which classes. I was walking to class one day last week and a fresnman I saw looked at me and said, "I've got to go to the office and get an excuse — I forgot about a third period class." "Poor fellow, he'll learn!"

The One Unexcused

As everybody knows on campus, my father is registrar. And as you can guess, I don't miss classes for obvious reasons.

But, occasions do arise that puts one in embarassing situations. Take for instance, last year when I accidently "cut" a botany class.

It happened this way: I was studying for a test I had at 5th period that day. I had waked early that morning and began studying. I interrupted my studies to eat breakfast and then resumed, but I competely forgot about a first period botany class, and skipped it unknowingly.

When I realized I had cut it, I almost died.

I walked slowly to campus, and went straight to my father's office and announced, "Daddy, I need an unexcused for Botany. I forgot about it."

Well, needless to say, my father was not happy. And needless to say, I haven't forgotten any more classes.

The Foot In The Mouth

One of the most amusing incidents I had to happen to me last year occurred in the student center. I wasn't too well known at the beginning of last year, and a freshman came to a table where I was sitting with some new acquaintances.

The freshman had an excuse slip in his hand and promptly dropped it on the table and quipped, "Boy, I got by him that time. Went hunting yesterday, but I got an excuse because of my cold."

Everyone looked at him with a grin on their face and then someone told him I was the registrar's son. He turned a little red around the collar before I told him I couldn't care less.

Problem Solved

We have a new innovation in Decatur — a policeman. Now this isn't an extraordinary fiat in itself, but some of the boys are not used to having to watch out for him. One of the local town boys in Decatur managed to get two tickets in one week.

Even our SBA president, Sam Bounds got stopped for having a noisy muffler. But Sam solved his problem quick enough — instead of switching mufflers, Sam switched cars. Great thinking, Sam!

Protection (?)

The new policeman, Garnett Hawkins, is also a part-time student on campus. He comes to class in uniform and usually arrives early. My father's integral class is held 4th period in room 78, which Garnett has a class in 5th period. My father looked outside in the hall one day and saw Garnett and exclaimed, "Well, I'll say one thing! We're the only class on campus with police protection!"

Scholars With Dollars

by Debbie Harvey

There are people who insist that the incentive of American youth is on a downward trend. Why? They've failed to take a look at the good guys, the college students who are finding their own source of revenue to reach the worthy goals of life they have set for themselves.

Take a look around campus. You'll see student employees in such areas as library assistance, secretarial help, cafeteria, student center, dorm assistance, dorm proctors, laboratory assistance, postman, bus drivers, and even as teachers. These students use their service to help pay for their education. Logically, this program is called the work-scholarship program. At East Central we have fifty students with some kind of financial aid working for their expenses. Students who contribute to the progress of a college as the college is providing for their education are developing a quality within themselves that will aid them all their lives. That's incentive.

Are you a good student but just slightly lazy? Or are you the extra-curricular type? You just don't have the time to work, and you still have the responsibility of your college education? Be of good cheer! There's a plan for you, too. Student loans and Economic Opportunity grants provide about twenty-five of the students here at East Central with enough financial aid for their expenses.

Does all this sound interesting? It is. A college education may still not be a breeze today. But just see how much easier it can be with all the help available.

Why Do Out-Of-State Students Choose East Central Jr. College?

From Mass. to Florida the quality education offered by East Central Junior College has been talked about. As a result of this favorable talk, students have come to East Central from various areas of the country. There is always a bit of curiosity as to why these out-of-state students chose to attend East Central. Each student has his personal reason for coming here, but the good reputation of ECJC has been influential in most cases.

Melanie Dowling is a sociology major from Dade City, Florida. Leslie Cowart, who is a customer of Melanie's father, formerly attended East Central and recommended it to Melanie. Melanie expects to attend the University of South Florida after completion of her two years here.

Also of Dade City, comes Judy Parish, a secondary education major specializing in social studies. Judy is now living in Sebastopol, Mississippi and is attending college here because she is located so that she can conveniently commute and because she has heard that East Central has a high academic rating. Judy hopes to attend a senior college at Morris Hill, North Carolina or at Mississippi College.

Cindy Cornelius is from Boston, Massachusetts and plans to become an airline stewardess after graduation. Cindy particularly likes the people and the climate in Mississippi. She also has relatives in Union, and her mother and sister were born here.

Sara Segars is a sociology major from Louisiana. She attends East Central because of her father's encouragement. He attended college here and was a football player.

Cindi Thompson is from Goldsboro, North Carolina. Her father is in military service and is stationed in Thailand for a year. Her grandmother lives here and she came to live with her so she could commute.

Additional out-of-state students are Stevie Addkison, Charles F. Blumm, Deborah K. Blum, Charles Cliburn, David Gregorious, Lewis Johanson, Gregory Klemm, Bruce McMillan, and Vickie Patterson.

WRIGHT TO LEAD FRENCH CLUB

The French Club, being sponsored by Mrs. Rowell, has elected Charles Wright, Jr. as president of the club.

Other officers are Benny Fulcher, vice-president; Marcia Beard, secretary-treasurer; and reporter, Don Sharp.

The members of the club are: Evelyne Cooper, Cindy Thrasher, Debbie Pearson, Don Jordan, Jr., Sandra Hill, Sandra Welch, Bob Kuykendall, Danny Coward, Chris Morgan, Wanda K. Brown, Donna McCraw, Brenda Ellis, Charlotte Blass, Hilda Edwards, and Betty Gibson.

HOME ECONOMICS CLUB ORGANIZES

Leading the Home Economics Club for the 1969-70 school year is Cindy Crenshaw. Aiding Cindy will be Kathy Ezelle, first vice-president; Genie Callahan, second vice-president; Glenda Jones, secretary; Frances Breckenridge, treasurer; and Maudean McAdory, reporter. Lucy White will serve as historian.

The club members are now attending the Home Economics Appliance Convention at the Roosevelt Hotel in New Orleans.

Butler Leads M.E.N.C.

The M.E.N.C. held its first meeting September 30, and elected new officers. Nona Butler was elected President; Joyce Freeman, Vice-President; and Elizabeth Edwards, reporter.

During the meeting plans were discussed for the Music workshop to be held here for high school music teachers in the area. The favorite object of conversation, through, was the new Fine Arts Building we hope to be moving into soon!

SBA OFFICERS AND REPRESENTATIVES—Front from left — Gwen Smith, Dottie Horn, Katha Kennedy, Nan Evans. Back—Gary Gordon, Travis Kelly, Colbert Kennedy, Sam Bounds.

Miss Wood Attends Workshop

Miss Wood was among the more than fifty women physical education teachers from the state who attended the Annual Division of Girls and Women Swap Shop at MSCW October 4 and 5.

The main speaker for the event was Miss Lorraine Abbott, Educational Service Consultant, from the National Golf Foundation.

Miss Wood was elected Secretary for the organization and will serve with Caroline Wilson from Kate Griffin Jr. High in Meridian and Barbara Garrett from MSCW in handling the affairs of the organization for the next year.

State Phi Theta Kappa Convention Slated Nov. 7 - 8

Goodman— Mississippi Chapters of Phi Theta Kappa, national honorary fraternity for junior college students, will meet in Jackson on Friday through Saturday, Nov. 7 and 8. Representatives from each of the 17 chapters in the state are expected to attend this sixth annual state convention.

Kappa Alpha Chapter of Holmes Junior College, Goodman, with the cooperation of Millsaps College, will host the convention. State President Mike Basham of Rho Sigma Chapter, Jones Junior College, Ellisville, will preside at meetings and workshops.

Mrs. Margaret Mosal, National Director of Phi Theta Kappa, will bring the chapters up to date on plans for the annual National Convention to be held in Panama City, Florida, where many of the nearly 400 chapters of Phi Theta Kappa from 40 American states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and the Canal Zone will gather. She will also discuss plans for the third Honors Institute to be held in Millbrook, New York, in June, 1970.

Miss Emmie Ellen Wade, Phi Theta Kappa Regional Sponsor for Mississippi, will be in charge of the contest on "Honors Program" participation. The program is based on a study of 20th Century American Drama.

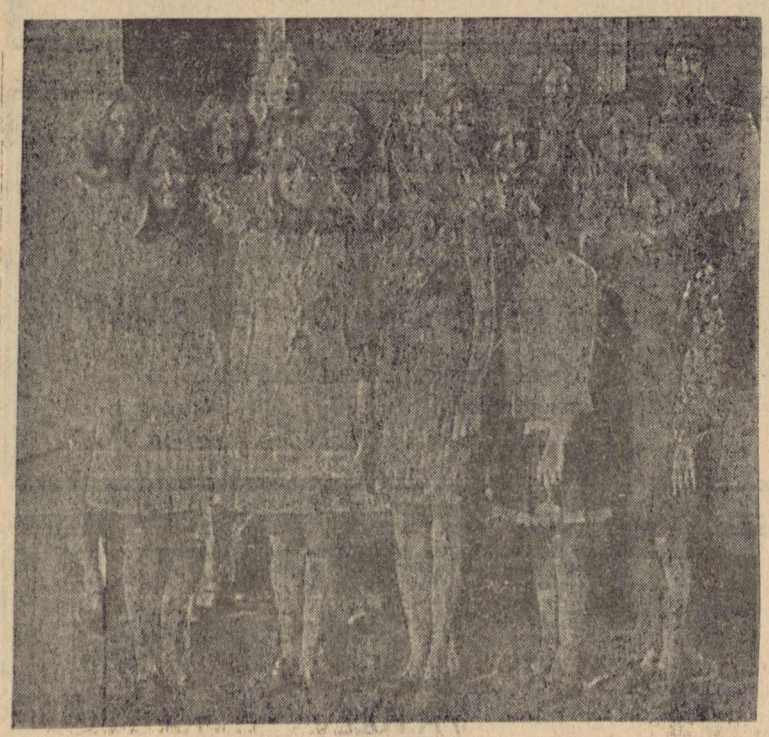
Principal speaker at the banquet Friday night will be Dr. Benjamin Graves, President of Millsaps College. The President of Young-Harris Junior College in Georgia will speak at the Saturday luncheon. His topic will be "Young Scholars in Schubert's Alley."

Entertainment for the convention will include a production of "Oklahoma" by Millsaps students; the play, "Don't Drink the Water," at the barn theater; and musical numbers provided by students from Holmes Junior College.

Convention registration will be in the Christian Center at Millsaps College from 2 to 3 p.m. Friday, Nov. 7. The group's first general session is scheduled for 3:30 that afternoon.

"All chapters should make room reservations at the Admiral Benbow Motel immediately," said Mrs. Ernest W. Wilson, Holmes adviser. "They should also notify either the national office in Canton or Kappa Alpha Chapter in Goodman about the number they expect to send to the convention." Reservations for the Barn's production of "Don't Drink the Water" to be made by the national office will be held only until Thursday, Oct. 30.

Beat Pearl River



WOMEN'S COUNCIL MEMBERS — Front from left—Teresa Heflin, Katha Kennedy, Sherri Whinnery, Nancy Hall, Judith Hamilton. Second row—Marilyn Anderson, Glenda Jones, Donna Coward, Marcia Beard, Kathy Carter. Third — Patricia Sheppard, Mary Ann McDonald, Patsy Thorton, Melanie Dowling.

BSU Holds Retreat, Organizes Choir

The Baptist Student Union under the direction of Miss Gladys Bryant, sponsor, held a "Purpose in Life" retreat at Camp Garaywa, Clinton, Mississippi, from September 26 through the 28th.

Camp Garaywa is located behind Mississippi College in a wooded area that is owned by the Mississippi Women's Missionary Union. Those students attending by ECJC bus at 2:15 p.m. on Friday, September 26.

The speakers at the retreat were Rev. Ralph Winders, State Director of Student Work; Dr. Joe Cooper, New Testament professor at Mississippi College; Rev. Harold Bryson, pastor of First Baptist Church in Carthage; Rev. Bradley Page, Director of Religious Activities at Mississippi College; and anso Connie Roediger, who served as a missionary jouryneyman in Southern Rhodesia.

The song leader was Mike Smith, a student at Mississippi College. Students who led Share Groups were Joan Green, Glenda McMullan, Peggy White, Travis Kelly, Mike Edwards, and Elbert Gomillion. Rev. Fred Fowler, pastor of the Clarke-Venable Baptist Church in Decatur, went with the group and brought a message. Also included in the group were Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Deaton. Mr. Deaton is the state faculty advisor for the B. S. U.

On September 22, the B. S. U. also organized a choir. Forty-five students were present, and others are expected to join later. The choir will meet each Monday night after Vespers, from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

A director will be chosen to lead the group very soon. Any student who wishes to be in the B. S. U. choir is invited to come on Monday night to the B. S. U. Center.

Mr. Jack Brown, who has served many years in prison, spoke at Vespers on Thursday night, October 2. He was converted soon after his release from prison.

Girls You Have Been Liberated!

Why should you girls complain about rules at East Central. You have been liberated! In the early 1960's coming to ECJC as a freshman girl was like stepping into Sing-Sing — after one year of hard labor, you were then a trustee.

For Mrs. Carrie Ann Alford, former ECJC student and present Tom-Tom sponsor and English teacher, it is difficult to imagine why freshmen girls complain about the rules.

Take the dating limitations for instance. When Mrs. Alford was at East Central (Only eight years ago I might add as a point of reference. It was not the dark ages, no matter what her students might believe.) freshmen girls could not ride in cars on a date. That was a privilege limited to sophomores. So every Tuesday night - come rain or snow - found her trudging to the picture show with her present husband, whom she had gone steady with three years before coming to East Central and with whom she rode in a car every Friday, Saturday, and Sunday night in her hometown (when he wasn't being Co-Captain of ECJC's football team).

The only rep she ever received, outside of an occasional failure to sign in, was for "lingering on the steps". (Note: She was at the top of the steps, her date, her present husband, was at the bottom of the steps when Jackson Hall had about thirty long outside steps leading to the main floor. Her lingering was stopping long enough to ask her date if he were going to breakfast. It must be pointed out that she did not consider that she had been mistreated. She realized that she had broken the rule, because once a girl rounded the corner at coming from town she didn't stop until she entered the dormitory.)

It seems funny that most of the girls didn't feel misused then either. There were glad the college cared enough to watch out for them, at a time when so many senior colleges didn't.

To be able to sit outside on the mall until 8:30 seems like sheer heaven when you consider an ECJC girl was required to be in the dorm after supper at 7 o'clock in the early 1960's.

Being allowed to wear coulottes or pants dresses to class would have been undreamable eight years ago. You say time and fashion changes rapidly. Mrs. Alford says, "Thank your lucky stars that ECJC is wide awake enough to go along with these changes!"

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EDUCATORS who took key roles in the recent State Department of Education-sponsored English teacher workshop at East Central Junior College in Decatur included, from left, Troy White, elementary education supervisor for Division of Instruction, State Department of Education, and a featured speaker for the event; Miss Rebecca Ann Stampley, Meridian teacher; Ovid Vickers, chairman, English Department, ECJC; Mrs. Augustine McPhail of Hattiesburg, English con-

Women's Intramurals Elect Officers

Miss Wood, concerning Intramurals states: "I think this will be one of the better years for Intramurals. The girls seem to be real interested and a large number are coming out on Mondays and Thursday night. We have many activities planned for the year and invite any girl who is interested and not signed up to do so before tournament play begins."

Our officers this year are Deborah Norwood, President, Louisville; Sandy Donald, Vice-President, Morton; Lucy Young, Secretary, Morton; and Jamie Cooper, Reporter, Morton. The captains and their teams are Carol Ming, captain, Louisville; Joyce Barber, Connie Bounds, Wanda Comans, Gail Cumberland, Gwyn Hardin, Betty Hayser, Mary Ann McDonald, Jackie Metts, Mary Smith, Linda Truesdale, and Susan Madden. Debbie Harvey, captain, Forest; Marilyn Anderson, Donna Bates, Wanda Blackwell, Wanda Duke, Gwen Cumberland, Janice Gatewood, Jo Lynn Holley, Beverly Hollingsworth, Lynn Lovett, Brenda Rigdon, and Melinda Stewart. Roslyn Rogers, captain, Morton; Joyce Boxx, Jamie Cooper, Joanne Miles, Susan Shoemaker, Cindy Cornelius, Faith Foreman, Judy Griffin, Peggy Hollingsworth, Carolyn Murphey, Sarah Seagers, and Lucy Young. Deborah Norwood, captain, Louisville; Judi Boswell, Geni Gallahan, Debbie Crowell, Sandy Donald, Melanie Dowling, Kathy Ezelle, Cindy James, Amelia Kennedy, Maudene McAdory, Ginger Swain, and Judy White.

On Monday October 13, there will be an Intramurals volleyball game between the Freshmen and Sophomores and tournament play begins October 20 with the Round Robin Tournament.

Scheduled October 31 and November 1 is an extramural Volleyball Tournament at M. S. C. W. The best players from the Intramurals teams will represent ECJC at the tournament.

WOMEN'S INTRAMURALS OFFICERS AND CAPTAINS —Front, team captains Roselin Rodgers, Debbie Harvey, Carol Ming, Deborah Norwood. Back—Officers Deborah Norwood, president; Sandy Donald, vice-president; Lucy Young, secretary; Janice Cooper, reporter.

Pearl River, Jones Remain JC Perfects

Jones and Pearl River continue to dominate the Mississippi Junior College Conference football race with perfect season's records.

East Central, with a record of no wins and five losses is tied with Co-Lin for last place in the league.

The Conference Standings Are:

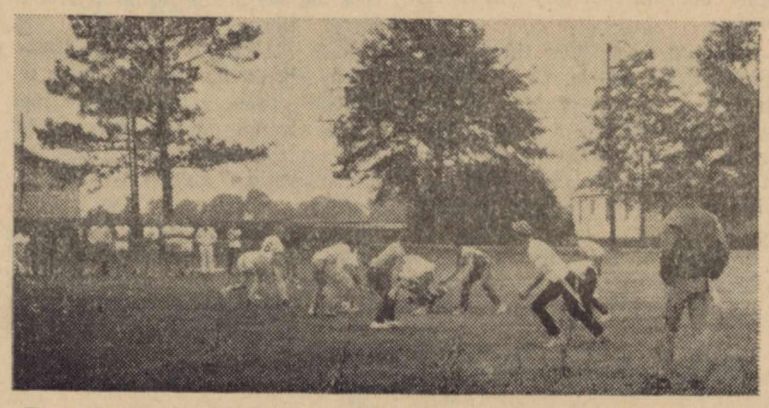
	W	L	T	PF	PA
Jones	5	0	0	171	52
Pearl River	5	0	0	168	58
East Miss.	5	1	0	109	43
Delta	5	1	1	65	45
Northeast	4	2	0	171	116
Gulf Coast	4	2	0	97	87
Holmes	3	2	0	59	68
Itawamba	3	3	0	75	102
Hinds	2	4	0	125	173
Northwest	1	4	1	113	155
Southwest	1	6	0	103	169
East Central	0	5	0	55	161
Co-Lin	0	5	0	28	107

ECJC To Meet PRJC In Homecoming

The Warriors take on top ranked Pearl River in the homecoming game this week-end. Pearl River is fresh from a 33-13 smashing of Itawamba last week and is yet undefeated.

Pearl River is tied with Jones for first place and has won 5 games. They have scored a total of 168 points while giving up only 58.

East Central is 0-5 for the season. The Warriors have scored 55 points and have given up 161. Last week they fell victim to East Mississippi, who crushed the Warriors 41 to 6.



Boys intramurals has been holding a touch football tournament. Here we see a recent game in progress.

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The Tom-Tom

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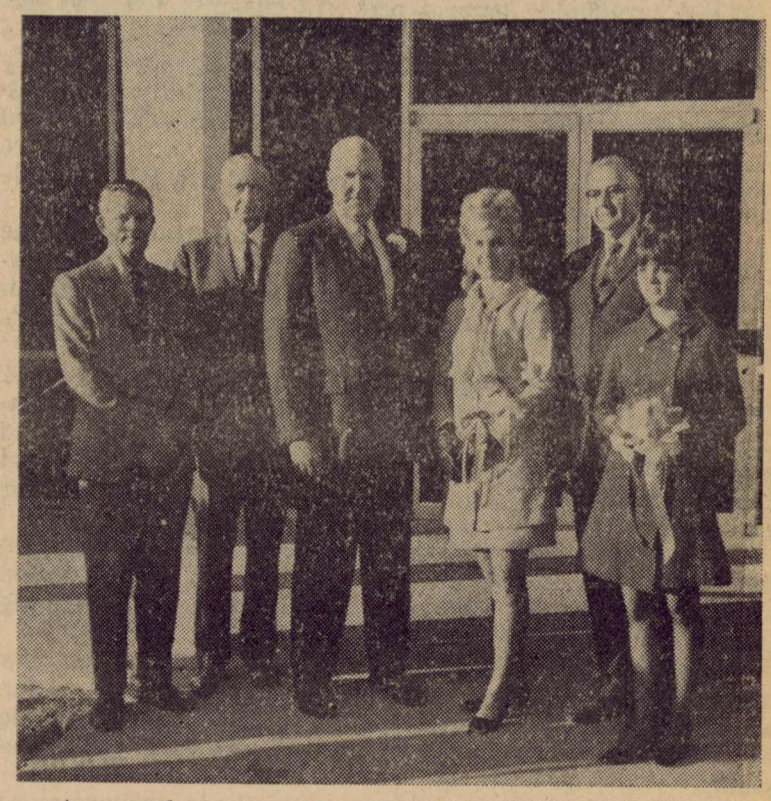
The 1969 Homecoming Court is pictured here shortly after the crowning ceremonies at halftime. From left to right, Jerry Tillman, escort of Sophomore Maid Dottie Horn; escort Tommy Anthony with Sophomore Maid Patsy Nester; escort Stanley Graham with Sophomore Maid Patty Hatcher; escort Travis Kelly with Maid of Honor Nona Butler; escort Charlie Gressett with Queen Deborah Pierce; Ricky Peterson, escort of Freshman Maid Karen Cooper; escort Ricky Shackelford with Debbie Pearson; and escort Sam Bounds with Freshman Maid Paula Hollingsworth.



Among those present at the dedication ceremonies for the new Fine Arts Building were: (left to right) Charles McMullan, architect; W. M. McMullan, President, 1969 Alumni Association; Dr. Charles V. Wright, President; Deborah Pierce, Homecoming Queen; R. G. Fick, Chairman of the Music Department; and Nona Butler, Maid of Honor.

Arthur Winstead Elected Alumnus Of The Year

East Central Junior College honored William Arthur Winstead as Alumni of the Year at the 1969 homecoming. Mr. Winstead was first affiliated with East Central when he entered the school when it was only a high school. He entered Newton County Agricultural High School in September, 1922, and he graduated in May, 1926. Later, after receiving his B. S. degree from the University of Southern Mississippi in 1931, Mr. Winstead served as president of the Neshoba County Board of Trustees.

Mr. Winstead's contributions to the field of education in Mississippi cannot be overlooked. He served as president of the state organization of County Superintendents of Education, a member of the Executive Committee of the Mississippi Educational Association, and a member of the State Elementary Accrediting Commission.

Elected to the United States Congress in 1942, Mr. Winstead served his state for 22 years as its representative. While in Washington, he was a member of the Armed Services Committee and spent a considerable amount of time investigating our military installations and strength around the world.

Today Mr. Winstead is a member of the Baptist Church, a Mason, a Shriner, and a member of the Eastern Star.

As a businessman, Mr. Winstead is a cattle and tree farmer and an automobile dealer. In February, 1968, be gan his duties as Commissioner of Public Welfare in Mississippi, a position which he holds at present.

One of the most exciting events for the alumni is the selection of the Alumnus of the Year. This year the award went to Arthur Winstead of Philadelphia. Mr. Winstead has served on the Board of Trustees for many years and has been an ardent supporter of East Central. Here we see Mr. Winstead receiving the plaque presented by W. M. McMullan, President of the 1969 Alumni Association.

Four Administrators Attend Conference

Four East Central administrators attended the Mississippi Junior-Senior College Conference, held October 6-7 at Northwest Junior College at Senatobia. Those attending were Dr. Charles Wright, Dean B. J. Tucker, Dean Denver Brackeen, and Registrar Frank Rives.

The conference began with registration 9:00 a. m. on Oct. 6. At 10:00 a.m., the opening session began with Dr. Benjamin Graves presiding. The address was given by Dr. Andrew Hold, President of the University of Tennessee. Dr. Holt spoke on the topic of "Administrative Personnel."

At 11:00 a.m., a panel discussion was held, with the subject of "Communication among Mississippi Colleges and Universities," as the main topic.

Various other group sessions were held dealing with the problems pertinent to school administrators.

Paul Simmons To Head Alumni

At the annual business meeting of the Alumni Association of East Central Junior College on October 25, 1969, Paul Newton Simmons was elected to head the association. Mr. Simmons, reared in the Hillsboro community of Scott County, graduated from ECJC in 1948 and continued his college work at Mississippi State University where he graduated in 1950. He is married to the former Hilda Everett, and they have four children: Paula, Everitt, Neil, and Geedie. Mr. Simmons is Personnel Manager of Taylor Machine Works in Louisville, Mississippi. There he is a member of the First Methodist Church and several civic clubs.

Don Howington of Philadelphia was elected first vice-president, and Mrs. Tommy Thrash of Decatur, secretary-treasurer. The county vice-presidents are Carl Cooper, Newton; Jim McKay, Winston; Olen Nicholson, Leake; Doyle McMullan, Scott; and John Risher, Neshoba.

"Oklahoma!" To Be Presented

"Oklahoma!" is on its way. One of the year's most exciting events will be the performance of the musical production "Oklahoma!" It is sponsored by the Music Department and the Drama Department, but it is a campus-wide activity and open to anyone who wishes to audition.

Various members of the faculty are already involved or will be involved in getting "Oklahoma!" on its feet. Mrs. Thornton will be in charge of all musical numbers for soloists and the chorus. Mr. Peterson will be in charge of all dramatics. "Oklahoma!" will be choreo-

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EC Plans Religious Activities

East Central Junior College students are trying to discover "What's It All About?" during Religious Emphasis Week, November 17-21.

Rev. David McIntosh, pastor of Central United Methodist Church in Meridian, will serve as the coordinator of the week of religious activity. Also appearing during the week will be Rev. McIntosh's daughter Maura, a Meridian High School junior.

Rev. McIntosh is married to the former Rosemary Thigpen of Meridian. They have three children: David, a Millsaps sophomore; Maura; and Mark, a seventh grader.

Other pastorates held by Rev. McIntosh include: Smithville, Georgia; Scooba, Mississippi; Ridgeland, Mississippi, Morton, Mississippi, and Alta Woods, Jackson.

He is a graduate of McComb High School, Millsaps College, and Emory University.

Plans are being made to kick-off the week with a campus-wide assembly on Monday morning.

Other plans for the week include nightly meetings with panel discussions, folk music, and a Billy Graham film.

In addition, the boys' and girls' dormitories will hold special devotional periods each night at 9:00.

Also scheduled are campus-wide noonday worship services with various student campus organizations in charge.

The public is invited to attend all activities. More detailed plans will be released at a later time.

Newly elected officers of the Alumni Association for the coming year are: (left to right), Paul Simmons of Louisville, President; Mrs. Thomas Thrash of Decatur, Secretary; and Don Howington of Philadelphia, Vice-President.

-EDITORIALS-

A Protest against Protestors

We have heard much in the last few weeks of the protest movement and Moratorium against the Viet Nam War. There have been college protestors to cry loud and long with much wailing, and at times with much violence.

We have noted several odd and curious facts and elements that make up the movement. It is tagged as being a "movement of the college students." That is not necessarily the case. Most of the protests are mapped carefully and painstakingly by outside liberal agitators. The movement is said to be against the Viet Nam War. This is true, but it is more against the Establishment. Now, just what are these people meaning by this overused word?

Basically, the agitators mean the government of the United States. This means the Federal Government, state governments and the businessmen of the United States. Incidentally, the majority of the businessmen belong to America's great middle class of people.

So, it appears that the protests are against America itself. Oddly enough, the protests cry long and with much lamentation about "freedom." The question that arouses our mind is this, "How can reasonably intelligent people cry 'We want freedom' when they are in the freest country that has ever existed?

The answer may be either: (1) they are not intelligent (i.e., they are stupid) or (2) they are not basically concerned with just the Viet Nam War, but are interested in disrupting the American Way of Life.

If the answer is the fomer proposal, there have been few instances of such a lack of intelligence in the history of the world. Therefore, we propose that this poor unthinking people be placed in a mental institution to help them gain logical reasoning.

Of the latter, we suggest stronger methods, perhaps more enforcement of the laws governing anarchy and sedition, and oh, yes, treason.

As already inferred, the college protestor is usually led down a blind alley by professional protestors. Most of the young college students are sincere in their opinions and feel that they are only exercising their guaranteed right to peaceably protest.

It is a tragedy that the college student is being used, or rather misused, by revolutionary elements.

We hope that the recent demonstrations will not anger the Federal government into cancelling college deferments for students. We hope that the government will urge the administrations of the colleges to crack down on the student leaders of the protest groups. We believe this will greatly help the student who is sincere in getting a college education.

We further propose that the college history professors of the nation point out in their classrooms what and why and how this country came into being and has stayed in business so long. We hope they point out the fact that mere protests do nothing to alleviate problems. Only action with respect to problem at hand can solve it. This is the way it is, and this is the way it shall be, no matter how many protestors march on Washington.

We rest our case! FDR

Definition Of An Atheist

An atheist is defined technically as "one who believes that there is no God." The definition is quite correct, but perhaps, not full. The term "atheist" to most people carries with it a more connotative value, as perhaps a more denotative description, also.

A person who does not believe in a Supreme Being, is, first of all, in the minority. Most people believe in God and do not deny the fact. Others believe in God, but are hesitant to divulge their thoughts on the subject. If we try to adapt these people to the technical term "atheist," we see that they do not fit within the category. The real problem comes when these people are classed! To claim to be an atheist and to be one may be quite two different things.

But, take the case of the true, staunch atheist. He is probably a miserable person. He is most likely disgusted with people for believing such fallacies as heaven and hell, and surrounds himself in secular cloaks of money, position, and esteem. He wonders how in the world people who are supposed intellects can fool themselves into believing in religion. Why the mere thought might leave him with a feeling of man's utter ignorance!

The atheist is perhaps miserable in another aspect. Since believing in atheism limits him to disbelieving all religion, he is seeking for a meaning in life. The atheist looks and never finds. For after all, who is to be happy if he can not believe there is a God. With a belief in God, man has hope—he that his life may not have been lived in vain, and hope of new life after death. The atheist has little or no hope. His life may be useless.

Man seeks usefulness—it is his nature to do so. It is also man's nature to believe in a Supreme Being. An atheist suppresses his natural desire for belief. In arguing for his belief he condemns it. He ridicules the thought of God, and in doing, devoids himself of a fruitful and happy life.

Man's desires, though, can never be totally suppressed. Within each man is the seed of hope. Young has written, "By night an atheist half believes a God." Perhaps, the atheist is trying to sell HIMSELF on the idea that he attempts to pawn upon the world. And maybe, just maybe, there IS no atheist! For after all, Hope springs eternal. DR

THE EDITOR'S NOTEBOOK

(File No. 13)

The Shut-In

A few weeks back, a very amusing incident took place. It seems that George Sanders got locked in his room by his trustworthy roommate, Travis Kelly. Travis had a first period class and left in such a haste that he didn't notice George still asleep. George missed his second period class.

He resigned himself to make the best of things so he prepared to shave. Unfortunately, the water was not on, and he couldn't.

To top it all off, later that day at choir rehearsal, George spilled a coke in the middle of everything. Poor George!

Peek-A-Boo

Also, a few weeks ago, Mr. Ethridge happened to be in the right spot to notice a very romantic kiss by a loving couple. Mr. Ethridge was giving a test in Administration 101 and was looking out the window below to the walkway leading from the Student Center to the Administration Building. A couple was sitting on the steps leading up into the auditorium and thinking they were concealed were doing a little kissing to make things interesting. Mr. Ethridge very innocently asked the boy what he was doing. I believe the exact question was, "Are you getting a little sugar?"

Undaunted, the boy yelled back, "You weren't supposed to be looking." Shame on you, Mr. Ethridge.

The Teachers Pink Slips

There was something new this year — the teachers got pink slips. It's true! The pink slips were issued as a prank by two former students. The subjects were as amusing as the reasons for failure. I got a glimpse of several of the pink slips and they were hilarious. Among the subjects assigned to the teachers were (1) advanced office seating for the administration, (2) love counseling, and (3) student-center. All in all, I think it is the joke of the year.

Speaking Of Pink Slips

The issuing of the real pink slips was both saddening and amusing. I happend to be in the student center when the "mad rush" was on. The looks of agony on some and the face of ecstasy on others told the story. One poor guy got five pink slips. Just think, a few more and he could wall-paper his bedroom!

One freshman knew what his problem was. He had something like eight absences. He remarked casually, "Maybe if I'd go to class it would help, huh?" Maybe, just maybe!

Our Friend

We are glad to hear that Rev. David McIntosh will be the featured speaker for our school's Religious Emphasis Week. We have known Rev. McIntosh for some years and welcome him to East Central. We first got to know him while he was pastor of Alta Woods Methodist Church in Jackson.

Rev. McIntosh is a truly great person and also an excellent speaker. We have had the pleasure of hearing Rev. McIntosh on several occasions and know you will enjoy his sermons.

Did You Know?

That Mr. Rudolph Mayes was the first president of the SBA here at East Central.

That Wo-He-Lo has nothing to do with the Indian language. It is an acronym formed from the first two letters in "work", "heart", and "love".

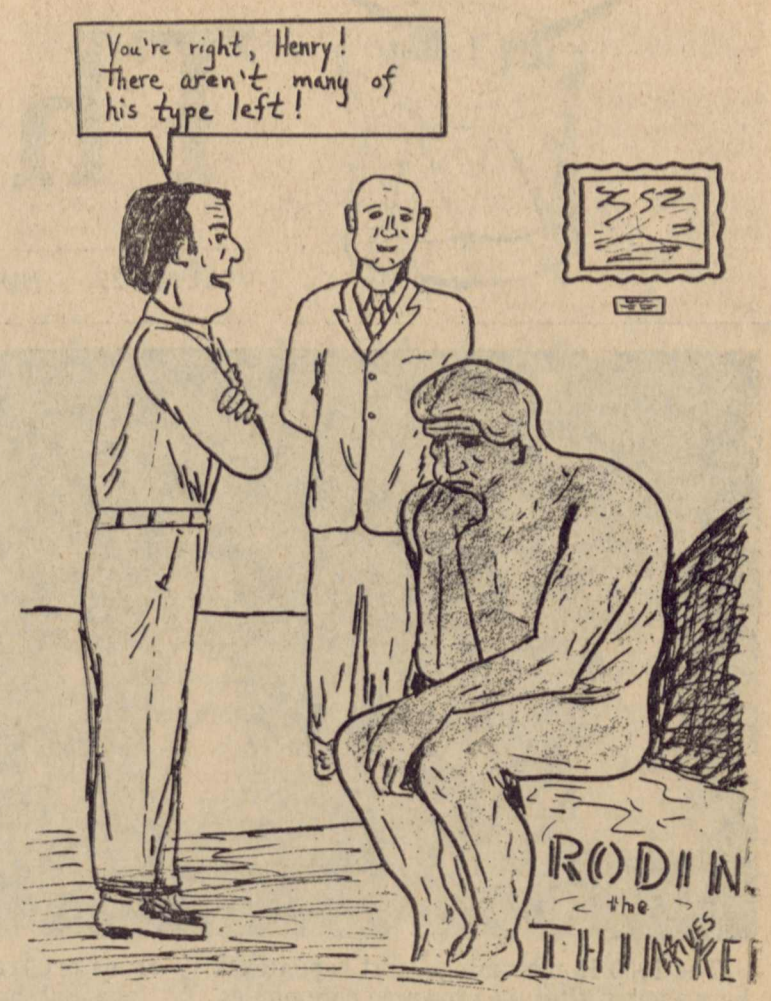
That Dr. Wright has three degrees from Southern and has never spent a night on campus.

That Mr. Cross smoked a pipe for over thirty-five years and gave up the habit three years ago.

That Mr. B. L. Griffin has a twin sister.

That a cow barn once stood immediately behind Jackson Hall.

That at one time, students could only get hot water between 5:00 and 7:00 p.m.



ECJC History Recorded In Names Of Buildings

At the time of the founding of East Central Junior College in 1928, when Newton County Agricultural High School was enlarged to include two years of college work, the campus was composed of three buildings. The facuity was certainly not any more extensive as there were only two teachers: Mrs. Stella Newsome and Robert Marshall.

Needless to say, our campus has expanded greatly over the years and continues to grow today.

Since 1928 there have been many outstanding teachers and administrators at E.C.J.C. Therefore most buildings on our campus are dedicated to such personalities commemorating their service and contribution to this institution.

Often we overlook these people who have had so much association with East Central in the past. Let's take a little tour around campus.

On the east side of the campus, the girls' dorms stand in memory of Mrs. W. W. Newsome and Mrs. J. L. Jackson. Mrs. Newsome taught here for thirty years, 1928-1958. Mrs. Jackson was Dean of Women at E.C. for twenty-seven years.

Far across the campus on the west side the counties of East Central's district are well-represented. Three of the four men's dorms are Winston, Neshoba, and Scott. The fourth is named for former president of the college L. O. Todd. Leake Hall, constructed for married students and faculty, bears the name of Leake county.

Found on the most southerly portion of E. C.'s campus are the auditorium, library, and science building. The Huff Memorial Auditorium honors J. Knox Huff who served on the Board of Trustees from 1928 to 1948 and as president of the board during the years 1948-1951. The long years of service from Miss Mamie Ethel Burton certainly carved a place for her in E.C.'s history. Miss Burton was librarian from 1933-1963 and deserves the memory to her that our library affords. And then there's our science building named for our own outstanding chemistry teacher Mr. Frank M. Cross.

Closer to the center of the campus Sullivan Center honors Mrs. Janie Huff Sullivan, a teacher here for thirty years, and Mabry Dining Hall commemorates the president of the Board of Trustees from 1914-1948, William Clifton Mabry. And here the name of the fifth county of the district, Newton, is displayed upon the music building.

Of course, to the north is that famous Warrior battleground Winston County Athletic Field.

So you see the heritage of East Central Junior College all around you, and, if expansion continues, one day E.C. will have a deeper and richer past, and we will be a part of that past.

Dr. Charles Wright crowns Queen Deborah Pierce in this picture as escort Charlie Gressett and Alumni President Paul Simmons look on.

The Grand Marshal of the Homecoming Parade was L. E. Cliburn, who served on the faculty for many years before recent retirement. Pictured here with him in the parade are his wife, Mattie, and driver Billy Bingham.

OKLAHOMA!—

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graphed by Mr. Vickers. Mr. Seymore will be in charge of the orchestra. The set will be designed by Mr. Alexander who, also, will be in charge of publicity.

Performances will be given April 13-15.

This is an ambitious undertaking and it will require a lot of enthusiasm and a lot of hard work. There are two acts with a total of twenty-three character rolls to be filled. If you are interested, plan to try out and help make "Oklahoma!" a big success.

Audition dates will be posted later. Watch the Tom-Tom for further developments.

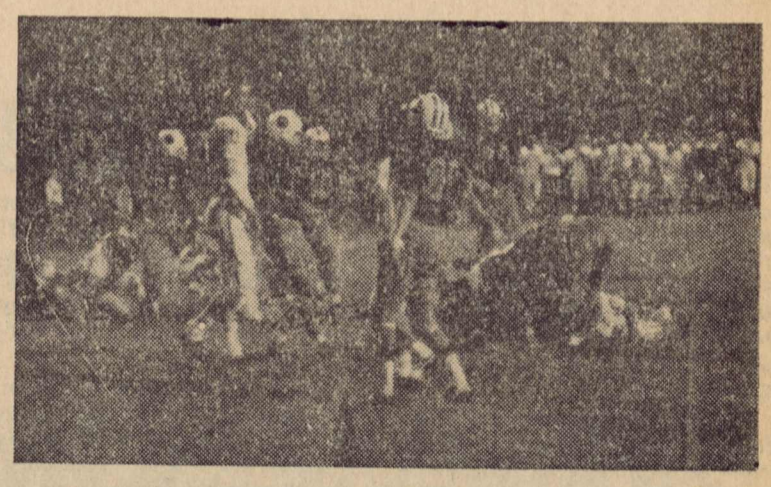
THRU FOUR EYES

The wheels of the new year are turning smoothly now. The initial homesickness has worn off as students grow accustomed to their new environment. Freshmen are not getting lost as often, and sophomores are beginning to remember that they are the upperclassmen this year.

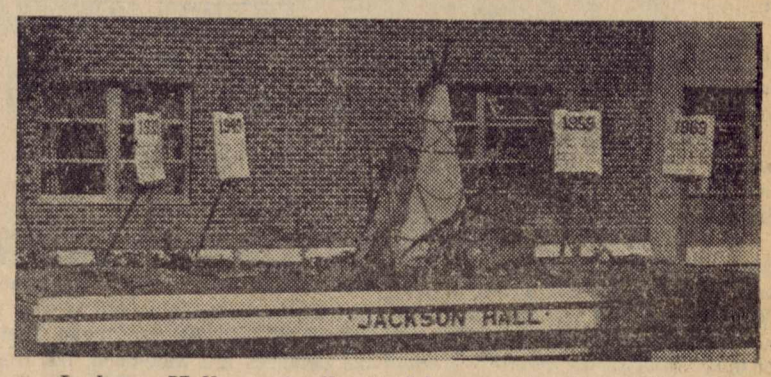
"You meet all kinds at college," many helpful friends told me before I left home for East Central. This bit of solemn advice seems to be true of Jackson Hall, at any rate The dormitory, housing freshmen girls, appears to have a few left-wing radicals among its numbers. One anonymous young lady drives an imaginary four-speed automobile up and down the halls, with appropriate accompanying sounds. Two other girls staged a soapsuds fight in the bathroom one night, causing a great deal of excitement on one hand and stern disapproval on the other.

It is possible that the first nine-week period is over already? Most students view this fact with mixed emotions. It means that we have lasted this long, so maybe we can wade through the rest of the year, somehow. It, also, means that we are settling down to routine and are adjusting ourselves to a new schedule. Unfortunately for some, the end of the nine weeks signifies, in addition, the sending of grade slips to the parents of each student, which may produce some domestic friction. To be optimistic; however, we can, also, add that freshmen boys are beginning to look more like their old selves as their hair grows back.

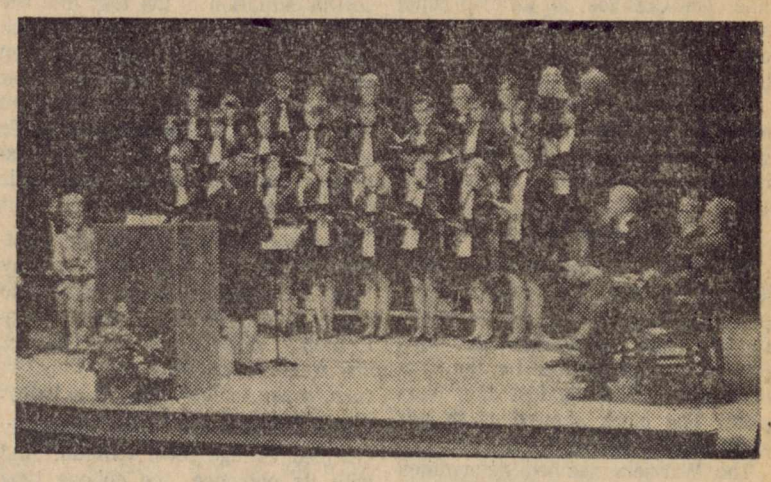
Time is precious, and an education is the most useful thing a person will acquire throughout life. Knowledge is his door to dignity and independence, as well as his armor against his enemies. In this era of computerized labor, it is the mind which shall determine in whose hands power shall lie. Young adults of today are those who will be in charge of their country in the near future. We, as future leaders, deserve to give our best to those who depend upon us. Utilize the opportunities of today for the demands of tomorrow.



It was tough going in this picture for the Wildcats as the Warrior defenders gave little ground.



Jackson Hall went all-out this year in decorating the dormitory. The girls really worked hard and the result was the very attractive scene pictured above.



The East Central Choir, under the direction of Mrs. Marian Thornton, presented the music for the dedication ceremonies. Here we see the choir in one of their numbers as the platform dignitaries look on.

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Pearl River Floods Warriors

by David Rives

It was just a case of too much Pearl River at the annual homecoming outing on October 25. The powerful Pearl River team steamrolled to its sixth consecutive victory behind a 61-18 shellacking of the home team. The visiting team put on an awesome show of offensive attack from the moment the game began.

The Warriors received the opening kickoff but found little running room facing them. On fourth down, the Warriors punted and the Pearl River team began to quickly march downfield behind their quarterback Steve Worrel and their tailback scored quickly and the Warriors trailed 7-0.

The Pearl River team continued to dominate the playing and at the quarter the score stood 21-0 in favor of the Wildcats.

In the opening minutes of the second quarter, the Cats again scored behind good running and blocking.

With 3:24 left in the half, tailback Willie Heidelburg rolled right, and threw a perfect strike to the Wildcat split end for the Cats fifth score of the half. The score stood 30.0.

The Warriors still could not penetrate the Wildcat defense and were forced to punt. A bad snap from center left the Wildcats with the ball on the Warrior 18 yard line. The Cats lost no time in going over for the TD. Heidelburg went over from the 15 with 2:00 left on the clock.

The Wildcats managed to score once more before the half as the gun ended the first half. The Warriors trailed the Pearl River team 47-0.

SECOND HALF

The Wildcats started where they left off in the first half. They promptly marched the length of the field to chalk up another TD. This time Kim Sones scored for the Cats to make it 53-0 against the Warriors. The clock showed 11:20 left in the third period.

The Warriors seemed determined to make it a fight; however, as early in the third period, quarterback Rusty McMullan passed a 55 yard "bomb" to Ronny Smith for a score. The conversion attempt was no good. The clock showed 10:50 left in the third period.

After exchanges of the ball, the East Central team recovered a fumble inside the Wildcat ten yard line and fullback Terry Beckham carried the ball over in fine fashion to give the Warriors a more respectable score of 12-61.

The final minutes of the game saw the Wildcats march downfield for what appeared to be another score. However, with 55 seconds left on the clock and the Cats within the Warrior 15 yard line, Warrior defensive halfback George Sholar intercepted a Terry Skanty pass in the Warrior endzone and raced the distance of the field for a final Warrior touchdown. The game ended 61-18 in favor of the Wildcats.

The game was a heartbreaker for the homecoming crowd, but Pearl River has the "hosses," and East Central is hurting for personnel for several reasons. Injuries to key players have weakened the Warriors considerably.

Halfback Billy Rowzee is out for the season and he is really being missed on kickoff and punt returns as well as the defensive secondary.

The Warriors simply have no reserves to fall back on and it really shows. The Pearl River team is quick and has great depth. It was simply a fact of power.

Sport Forum

By David Rives

This is the centennial year for football and the game has never been more popular or wilder. By "wilder" we mean that the game is wide-open as far as offenses are concerned. Maybe we mean that the defenses are wide-open, but the general idea is that offense is the name of the game and if anyone has a good defense it is a rare thing to behold.

One of the things that contribute to this situation is the fact that the quarterbacks and ends are a much better lot than those players of ten or more years ago. The boys now are schooled in their positions from the time they are in the sixth grade and they simply have more experience at their position than their predecessors.

Football is now a way of life. Football is here to stay and to stay "big". The game has everything to make it appeal to the fan. There is plenty of action always. Heroes are made every day and they, in turn, make football what it is today.

The "Pro" set has definitely changed college level football. And with its entrance, the college type of football of a few years ago is no more. Gone is the day of a 6-0 tie. All in all, the changes are for the better. Everyone enjoys and is thrilled by a 50-yard touchdown pass. It is amusing sometimes to let one's mind wander and imagine how historians will one day reflect on our civilization. Will they compare us to the Romans who loved to see all types of athletic contests? Or will they simply say that America was an industrious nation that was totally crazy over an odd sport called football? At any rate, our plans to see the next game will not be changed whatsoever by these musings. Personally, we think the sport is great and wonder why the Romans never discovered the game, instead of throwing the Christians to the lions!

An unidentified Warrior back tries to pick up yardage in this picture, but is tripped up by a Pearl River defender. Pearl River won the contest to remain tied for first place in conference race.

EC Homecoming Queen Likes Volkswagens

Upon being asked to name a few of her likes and dislikes, blonde sophomore Deborah Pierce of Decatur, who was elected 1969 Homecoming Queen here at East Central, gave the answer that she likes Volkswagens. "El Dorados, too," she added, but said she "hated Simcas." Also given as things she likes were: swimming, water skiing, boys, pizza, shrimp gumbo, hot glazed doughnuts, playing her guitar and singing, and sop teachers. "I like my sisters, too," Deborah said, "and tailored clothes and Danny Dalton."

Deborah's dislikes were as varied as what she likes. "I don't like boys being classified 1A," she said, "or people who steal English Composition books. Last year I had two stolen from me." In addition, Deborrah does not like hygiene tests, conceited guys, spinach, "blabber mouth girls," flies, or mod clothes.

English Literature ranks as her favorite subject. Marriage and Family came in a close second.

Deborah has four sisters. Her oldest sister and the middle one both finished from East Central. "My youngest sister is graduating from high school this year," Deborah said, "and she plans to attend East Central next fall."

When asked about her future plans, Deborah told that she plans to attend Brigham Young University in Provo, Utah after graduating from East Central. She intends to major in commercial art, plans to have a dozen children, and to be "a good housewife and mother."

Here we see Pearl River go over for one of their touchdowns in the recent game.

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EC Educators Attend Southern Association

Wright Gains A Seat On College Commission

President Charles V. Wright, Dean B. J. Tucker, and Business Manager B. L. Griffin attended the annual convention of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools November 30 through December 3. The convention met in Dallas with over 5,000 of the South's top educators present.

Dr. Wright was one of three Mississippians to be nominated to a commission. He, along with Dr. William Giles of Mississippi State University, was nominate for a position the Commission of Colleges. This commission is mainly concerned with accrediting new junior colleges.

The East Central delegation left from Jackson's Thompson Airport at 11:15 A. M. on Sunday, November 3, and returned the following Wednesday at 2:30 P.M.

Next year's meeting will be in Atlanta, Georgia.

Holiday Office Schedule Announced

East Central will close its doors for the Christmas holidays on Friday, December 19, and classes will resume on Monday, January 5.

The following schedule will be observed during the holidays for administrative office hours:

Office open from 8 A. M. to 11 A. M. Saturday 20, Wednesday 31, Saturday, Jan. 3, 1970.

Office open from 8 A. M. to 3 P. M.; Monday, Dec. 22; Monday, Dec. 29; Tuesday, Dec. 30; Wednesday, Dec. 31; Friday, Jan. 2, 1970.

Office will be closed Tuesday, Dec. 23; Wednesday, Dec. 24; Thursday, Dec. 25; Friday, Dec. 26; Saturday, Dec. 27; Thursday, Jan. 1, 1970.

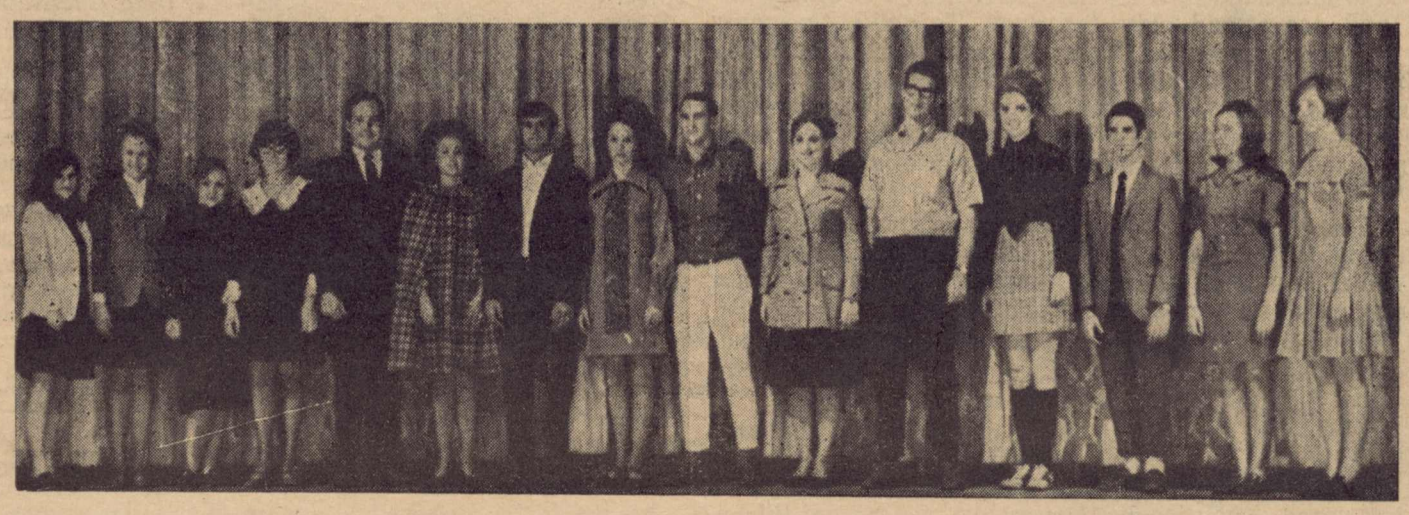
PRE-REGISTRATION COMPLETED

Frank Rives, Registrar, announces that pre-registration is now complete. For the past two weeks students have pre-registered for the second semester. An estimated 600 students were involved. Students who plan to attend East Central for the first time beginning at the second semester should report to the registrar's office on Monday, January 19. The American College Test is required, and Mr. Rives states that the test will be given at 12:30 P. M. Monday, January 19, for those students who seek entrance the second semester and have not taken it. If possible, students desiring to take the test should contact Registrar Rives or Dean Brackeen prior to taking the test.

NO EIGHTH PERIOD CLASSES ON FRIDAYS

There will be no eighth period classes on Fridays the second semester, as announced by Dr. Charles V. Wright. In his announcement in assembly, Dr. Wright pointed out the fact that there were too many students who cut eighth period this semester. As a remedy, the students will be given the last period Fridays. The students seemed well pleased with the announcement as they burst into spontaneous applause at the announcement.

Also, Dr. Wright announced that there will be no sixth, seventh, or eighth periods, Friday, December 19, to allow students extra time to pack for the Christmas holidays.



The complete cast of the play, from left to right, Karen Lewis, Nancy Keene, Marilyn Burrow, Wanda Rushing, Charles Wright, Brenda Tucker, Jackie McBrayer, Katha Kennedy, Mark Hatcher, Marsha Howard, Ike Touchstone, Sherri Whinnery, Louis Johanson, Scottie Forman, and Judy Mitchell.

Choir Tapes Christmas TV Program

The East Central Choir, under the direction of Marion Thornton travelled to Meridian last Wednesday to video-tape its annual Christmas program. The program is to be presented by WTOK of Meridian during the holidays.

The choir was aided by members of the East Central band, under the direction of Sammy Seymore. Also included in the program were the Collegians, the Bel Cantos, and the Troubadours as special groups.

The choir opened with HODIE! CHRISTUS NATUS EST by Young. This was followed by COME, THOU MORNING STAR by Gibbons, and THE FIRST CHRISTMAS CAROL by Simeone. The next two musical numbers presented by the choir were LULLABY, LITTLE BABE, a German carol by Barthelson and THE MAGIC OF CHRISTMAS by Church.

The lovely Bel Cantos next performed, singing the beautiful A CHRISTMAS WISH. The Troubadours, a boys quartet, next sang a carol with the Latin flavor, CALYPSO NOEL.

The mixed ensemble, the Collegians, next sang the popular, MARSHMALLOW WORLD.

The program was ended by the choir with two numbers, TINY LITTLE BABY BOY, a contemporary folk rock carol by Thygerson and the timeless GLORIA by Vivaldi.

Phi Theta Kappa Holds Convention

The 1969 Mississippi Phi Theta Kappa Fraternity Convention was held in Jackson on November 7, 8, and 9. All members had reservations at the Admiral Benbow Inn and sessions were held at Millsaps College.

Attending from East Central Theta Xi Chapter were Mrs. Allyne Simmons, sponsor; Audrey Boggan, president; Charles Wright, Jr., treasurer; Nanelle Evans, vice-president; and Wanda Rushing.

Registration began at 1:00 p.m at the Christian Center at Millsaps College. The first general session was held at 3:00 with 1969 state president, Mike Basham presiding. The 1970 officers were elected and the general business session conducted. On Friday the convention was treated with the Millsap's production of Roger's and Hammerstein's "Oklahoma."

On Saturday a luncheon and general session headed the agenda. The entertainment concluded at the Barn Theatre on the Barnett Reservoir. A production of "The Fantasticks" was presented.

Theta Xi News

The local chapter has been in full sing this first semester earning money for both the state and national conventions. With the state convention behind them, the chapter looks forward to spring and a "wild" time at Panama Beach and the national convention.

The chapter sold mums at homecoming as their first money making project. More recently a bake sale was held, with the proceeds going toward the convention expenses.

With the end of the first semester, new pledges will be initiated. Those who have the necessary 3.4 average for freshmen and the 3.3 for sophomores are invited to join the fraternity. Those interested are asked to check with Mrs. Simmons or one of the Phi Theta Kappa officers.

Perry Leads Honor Roll

Wilson Ray Perry, a freshman from Edinburg, was the only full time academic student to rate Special Distinction on the honor roll for first nine weeks. Six vocational and part time students also had a straight A average.

The vocational and parttime students rating special distinction were Danny Ray Babb; Harvey Lynn Dederick; James William Fletcher, Wendell Jones, Bobby Lewis Leach, and Marvin Townsend.

The Distinction list is made up of 20 freshmen and 12 sophomores who maintained a 3.50 for the nine weeks.

Freshmen are Marcia Fay Beard, Judy Nell Clark, Evelyn Cooper, Debra K. Crowell, Hilda Jane Edwards, Jacquelyn D. Edwards, Carol Jean Eldridge, Barbara Sue Ezelle, Nancy Carol Gardner, Debbie Harvey, Dianne Hollingsworth, Billy Glenn Lindsay, Deborah McElhenney, Birdie Nell McMullan, Cristi Mills, Chris Morgan, Elisabeth Rowell, Paula Simmons, Jerry Taylor, and Janet Walton.

Sophomores on Distinction are Audrey Boggan, Joan Breland, Nona Sue Butler, Nanell Evans,

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Debbie Pearson Chosen Most Beautiful

On Tuesday, December 9, five beautiful young women were selected as East Central's Beauties, to be featured in the yearbook, the WO-HE-LO.

The pageant was titled, "The Parade of the Roses," and the stage in Huff Memorial Auditorium was decorated with hundreds of red roses, some in bouquets and other in hanging ropes of roses.

The welcome was given by Mrs. Ruth Hull sponsor of the pageant and af the Wo-He-Lo. She in turn gave program over to the master of ceremonies for the 45th Parade of Beauties. Ovid Vickers, The master of ceremonies, then presented the twenty lovely ladies to the audience and to the judges.

The tension mounted as the names of the top ten beauties were announced. The ten were: Marilyn Anderson of Forest, Judi Boswell of Union, Cindy Cornelius of Danvers, Massachusetts, Patty Hatcher of Louisville, Susan Madden of Forest, Debbie Pearson of Lake, Deoborah Pierce of Decatur, Mary Carol Stroud of Forest, Sonya Weaver of Newton, and Sherri Whinnery of Carthage.

The top ten beauties were again presented to the judges and the audience, and the judges retired for a decision on the top five beauties. Entertainment was again presented by a variety of musical groups.

Among the first five were: Marilyn Anderson, Judi Boswell, Cindy Cornelius, Susan Madden, and Debbie Pearson. After more entertainment, the final decision of the top beauty was made. East Central's most beautiful is Debbie Pearson of Lake.

Miss Pearson was presented a very appropriate dozen red roses by President Charles V. Wright, after making the traditional boardwalk stroll. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry D. Pearson of Conehatta. While in high school, Debbie won many honors and was salutatorian of her graduating class. She is majoring in occupational therapy while attending East Central. Debbie is a member of the ECJC Players, a cheerleader, a member of the French Club, and served as a freshman maid in the Homecoming Court.

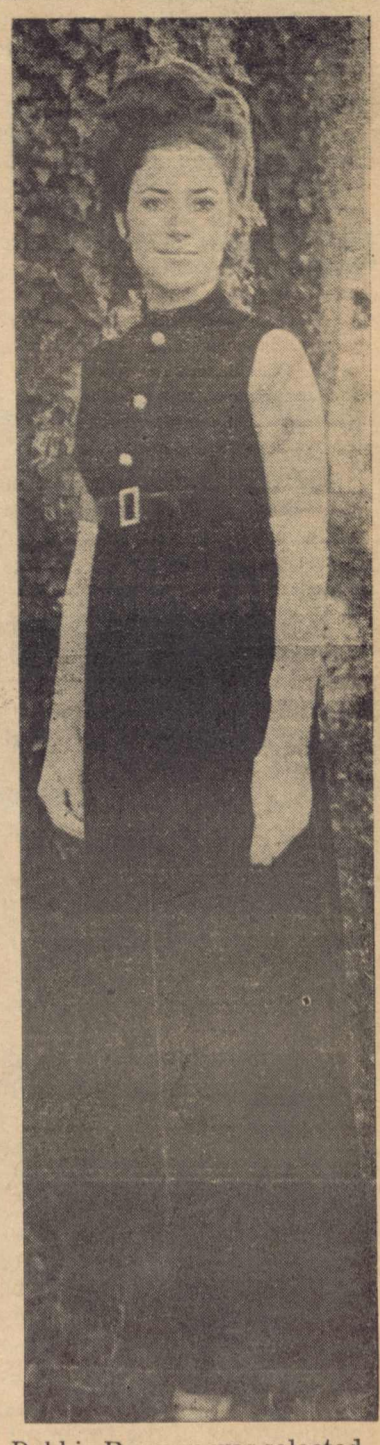
Miss Judi Boswell is the daughter of Mrs. Gladys Boswell of Union. Judi is majoring in business while here at East Central.

Lovely Susan Madden of Forest was also chosen a beauty. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Marion Austin Madden. Miss Madden is majoring in elementary education and is a member of the SEA at East Central.

Cindy Cornelius, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Melvin Cornelius of Danvers, Massachusetts, is another lovely beauty. Majoring in liberal arts, Cindy plans to become an airline stewardess.

Also selected as a beauty is Marilyn Anderson of Forest. Miss Anderson is the lovely daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Anderson of Forest. She is a physical education major while attending East Central.

The stage was decorated by Mrs. Grover Shoemaker, the Home Economics Club, and Wo-He-Lo. The organ accompaniment was by Charles Pennington. The assistant director of the pageant was Jesse Mary Everett and the lighting technician was Bruce Peterson.



Debbie Pearson was selected as East Central's Most Beautiful at the annual beauty pageant.

EDITORIAL

The One And Twenty

The Sophomore Class held its second meeting of the year a few days ago with an attendance of twenty-one people. One could stretch the figure to twenty-two if he counted the sponsor present.

It is beyond our comprehension to imagine the sophomores so uninterested in their class activities as to totally disregard and not attend class meetings. To think that only twenty-one people attended borders on ridiculous. It occurred to us that those present could have voted anything they wanted into being and there would have not been enough opposition to stop it. The class could have voted to buy Mount Rushmore and no one who did not attend could have done a thing to stop it.

But, it so happens that the class members who did attend happen to be the interested, level-headed, and concerned type of individual. It is a pity that the "disease" of concern is not spreading to the uninterested students.

Without some spark of enthusiasm the class cannot function properly. Even several sophomore officers failed to make the meeting. Pictures of class officers could not be made.

It is a tragedy that this unconcern it at the level it seems to be. We feel that with the fine sponsors the class has this year in Ovid Vickers and Martha Graham they are due a class that is interested. Andy maybe, just maybe, we can get **thirty-one** people to the next class meeting.

EDITORIAL

STOP AND THINK

Hey! Stop a minute and think. What about? Well, about you, your life, and your religion if you have any. We have just been participants in Religious Emphasis Week. But now, the question that we wish to ask is this: Did you benefit from the week or did you pass it all off like a Sunday morning sermon?

If you passed it off with a shrug you probably missed one of the most important things in your life—discovering yourself. It is easy to get wrapped up in colege life that we forget that we are spiritual beings. We hope that this past week has meant something to you. We hope that you have asked yourself questions that you have heretofore swept under the rug. Have you asked yourself why you are living, what for, and what you attempt to accomplish in life?

If you are living without real purpose in life we suggest you search for the better life. Life is often tough, roughed, and short. What we do and why we do it are sometimes of different natures. So, discover yourself if you dare. Dare to ask yourself, "Why am I here and what am I really doing in life!" You'll be surprised at the results!

EDITORIAL

THE STITCH IN TIME THAT SAVES . . .

(Editor's note—This is a word to the wise for those college students who have not yet made a decision as far as vocation is concerned. We hope the few brief words following will in some way help to save a person much loss of time and money.

Unemployed! It is the word that strikes fear in the hearts of most Americans. It should not, because the unemployment rate is down and good jobs are everywhere. Yet this word has sent many to college without a second thought. Consequently the question of "what" and "how" a person is to seek his life's work is sometimes lost in the frenzy to get a good education and then get a good job.

Unfortunately, young people are sometimes very much lost as what they really want to be in life. Too often, a sophomore, junior and even a senior is sometimes still trying to find out what he wants to be in life. It is a tragedy and a shame. Only if a person is satisfied with his work can he be truly happy.

All too often a person loses valuable time and money in a field that he can never be satisfied with. Much of the time, the wasted could have become an asset if he had only faced up to the question and seriously tried to answer it. To dodge a decision is a harful thing.

If a young person is in doubt about his life's work we urge him to face the problem, for many times, the answer can be found and time saved. If the question of vocation is still not answered we urge him to get the broadest possible background ni the quickest length of time before making the decision. This will be of benefit to him in two ways: first, he will not lose as much time for he will be better prepared to enter a field, and second, he will have been subjected to a wider course of subjects from which to choose his vocation.

Basically, we believe that the problem of one's vocation should be one of the foremost things in his mind. We urge the facing of the question.

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EDITOR'S NOTEBOOK (File 13)

Guess Who?

In the last issue of the paper, we told of an incident of a couple snitching a kiss on the stairway leading up to the auditorium. Now we didn't know how much this was going to affect some people on campus.

We had several people to become alarmed that we would tell on THEM.

It seems that more than one couple has been kissing a little on the stairway. And we had to go and spoil it all.

George's Justice

We were informed shortly after the last publication that the incident of George Sanders' being locked in his room by Travis Kelly was not over.

In fact, a week or so ago, George locked Travis in the room and TRAVIS missed a class. Of course George did it unknowingly.

Well justice is blind they say, but revenge is sweeter!

A Simple Solution

Recently, we were in the library work room when Mrs. Barnett, our assistant librarian, was being asked some questions by one of the members of the board to evaluate the college. In case you don't know it, Mrs. Barnett is a grand person with a great sense of humor. She was being asked several questions and give hilarious answers to some but the one which stuck in our minds was the answer she gave to the question, "How does the microfilm machine operate"

She replied, "Well, the salesman who sold it could not work it very well, but I don't have that problem. We don't have any film yet!"

The Tom-Tom Room Moves

The **Tom-Tom** room is being moved to Newton Hall soon, along with the **Wo-He-Lo.** We're going to miss the old place. We're going to miss the unbearable heat in the fall and late spring. We're going to miss the wavy floor. Yes, we shall even miss the coldness in the winter. But most of all, we will miss the cobwebs. Those are grand little spiders down there with plenty of heart.

Mrs. Huli and the **Wo-He-Lo** are going to miss having to go in the **Tom-Tom** room to turn the lights on. Mrs. Hull said, "I've been asking for twenty years to have a light switch put on our side!!" And now it's too late! What a shame!

Old Fashion Gals

Hey, guys, guess what? There are still some old fashioned home girls left. At least there are in Newsome Hall. Some of the girls are crocheting rugs. Ain't that something.

Hittite's Who?

Recently, there was a vast migration of students from campus on a Thursday and Friday because of several activities elsewhere. Because of this, many students missed tests.

One of the funniest incidents took place the following week when make-up tests were given. One of our history professors had given quite a number of make-up tests. One of the last people to take the test was given the discussion question: Discuss the finer points of the Hittite civilization. We wonder how many pages he wrote?

Present? Who Said That?

In case you've had any classes with this lowly scribe, you know that whenever the student roll is called I answer with "present." It is not to sound conceited or "proper," but I simply do not pronounce "here" correctly. It all goes back to a high school play. I suddenly realized that I couldn't pronounce "here." It is all very frustrating. I can pronounce "hear" perfectly but cannot pronounce "here" its homonym. Don't ask why; we can't explain. But to whang the word "here" is more embarrasing than saying "present."

Smile? Why Not?

Recently, I have been as busy as a bee in a tar bucket. One day I was asked why I didn't smile like I used to Our answer was, "Man, I don't have time to smile." Well that wasn't actually true, and the other day I did smile, and guess what? Well, things began to brighten up, and we've been smiling ever since.

Serving as president of his sophomore class for this year is John Vance. John is an engineering major from Sebastopol.

A NOTE OF THANKS

I would like to thank each of you who helped to make my visit to East Centtral as Grand Marshal of Homecoming a pleasant one. It was a most enjoyable occasion as I again met many of my friends and loved ones at East Central. East Central is a growing institution playing a vital part in the educational and economic development of our five counties. I am happy to have been associated with our fine college. May God bless you always.

Sincerely

L. E. Cliburn

New Scholarship Program For Junior College Students

Millsaps President Dr. Benjamin B. Graves told members attending the annual Phi Theta Kappa Convention on the Jackson college campus that a new scholarship program for junior college students will start next fall and ultimately involve the expenditure of $20,000 a year.

The program will initially provide 20 scholarships worth $500 each, and these will be renewable for a second year when available funds will be doubled. Each year, Millsaps will award the scholarships to students outstanding in leadership and academic achievement who have completed their studies in two-year colleges.

Dr. Graves said an extensive recruiting campaign will be conducted by Millsaps personnel to inform students at the twenty-one junior colleges in the state about the csholarships.

"We want to attract eligible junior college as well as high school students to Millsaps and are prepared to assist through this scholarship program and other financial aid," Dr. Graves said. "Most students who have done well at a junior college can also do well at Millsaps. We know this from experience, and a student should find this program well worth his while from the point of view of this future career."

The new scholarships are being named after Alexander Farrar Watkins in memory of the third president of Millsaps who served from 1912 to 1923.

"Naming these scholarships for Dr. Katkins is particularly appropriate in view of his often expressed concern for the youth of our state, in terms of improvement in their educational, cultural and economic heritage," Dr. Graves commented. "His philosophy, exemplified in a 1918 speech, was 'A new world is being created before our eyes and this world is going to belong to the educated man.' "

The Millsaps president noted it has been his desire to establish closer transitional relationships with junior colleges in Mississippi and neighboring states. He said there have been obstacles in the past such as cost and graduation requirements, but with proper counseling and guidance he felt the move to Millsaps could be made quite easy.

He pointed out many junior college students have done well at Millsaps. Dr. Otis Singletary, newly elected president of the University of Kentucky, fits into this category. Also, Dr. David Donald, Harry C. Black, Professor of American History at John Hopkins University, a Pulitzer Prize winner who is one of the nation's most eminent historians.

In 1968-69 two junior college graduates at Millsaps were Woodrow Wilson Scholarship Designates and one was nominated for a Rhodes Scholarship.

Phi Theta Kappa was founded by junior college presidents seeking to form an organization to recognize superior students. Membership is conferred on students comprising the upper 10 per cent of the total enrollment in their colleges. The purpose of the organization is to promote scholarship, develop leadership and service, and cultivate fellowship among students at junior colleges.

THE TOM-TOM

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In this scene, the girls of the dorm are on hand to welcome their Washington heroine, Agatha Reed (Katha Kennedy). Pictured are Sherri Whinnery, Karen Lewis, Katha Kennedy, Judi Mitchell, Nancy Keene, Scottie Foreman, and Marsha Howard.

The secretary (Marsha Howard) has a talk with the boss (Katha Kennedy) in this scene.

Goodbye My Fancy In Revue

(By Ovid Vickers)

GOODBYE MY FANCY, being a product of the temporal arts, has come and gone. By virtue of the fact that a play exists only while it is being performed that particular play will never be seen again. This is regretable since the Players' production on December 4th was such good college theatre that one hated to say goodbye to something which had, from audience reaction, caught the fancy of many.

If memory serves me right, I first saw "Fancy" in 1947 or 1948. The play when written represented a break away from the more pious, stogey plays of social criticism which were so prevalent in the late 1930's. Audiences twenty years ago were shocked by the language (It was obvious to someone familiar with the script that the Players' director had found it expedient to edit the dialogue) as present day audiences are with the garden of Eden costumes that appear in OH! CALCUTTA and HAIR.

Several character portrayals were outstanding. Dottie Horn as Ginny Merrill was as alert, alive, and quick as Ginny Merrill was supposed to be.

As a stereotyped alumni secretary, Wanda Rushing turned in a particularly delightful performance. She was not Wanda Rushing; She was a stereotyped alumni secretary.

Marsha Howard moved through the first act like a Southern plantation heroine who had lost her husband at First Manassas or a woman of Russian nobility who could hear the peasants chopping down the cherry trees. By Act Two, she had found out that she was a Congressional secretary and played some excellent comedy scenes.

Brenda Tucker wearing what was either a hat, shower cap, curled crepe paper or an Afro-American wig lit up the stage like Fourth of July fireworks from her entrance to her last line. Miss Tucker didn't tucker out anybody. The girl has real talent.

Mark Hatcher was especially good when, as Mat Colethe photographer, he related in a long soliloquy how he had fallen in love with Senator Agatha Reed.

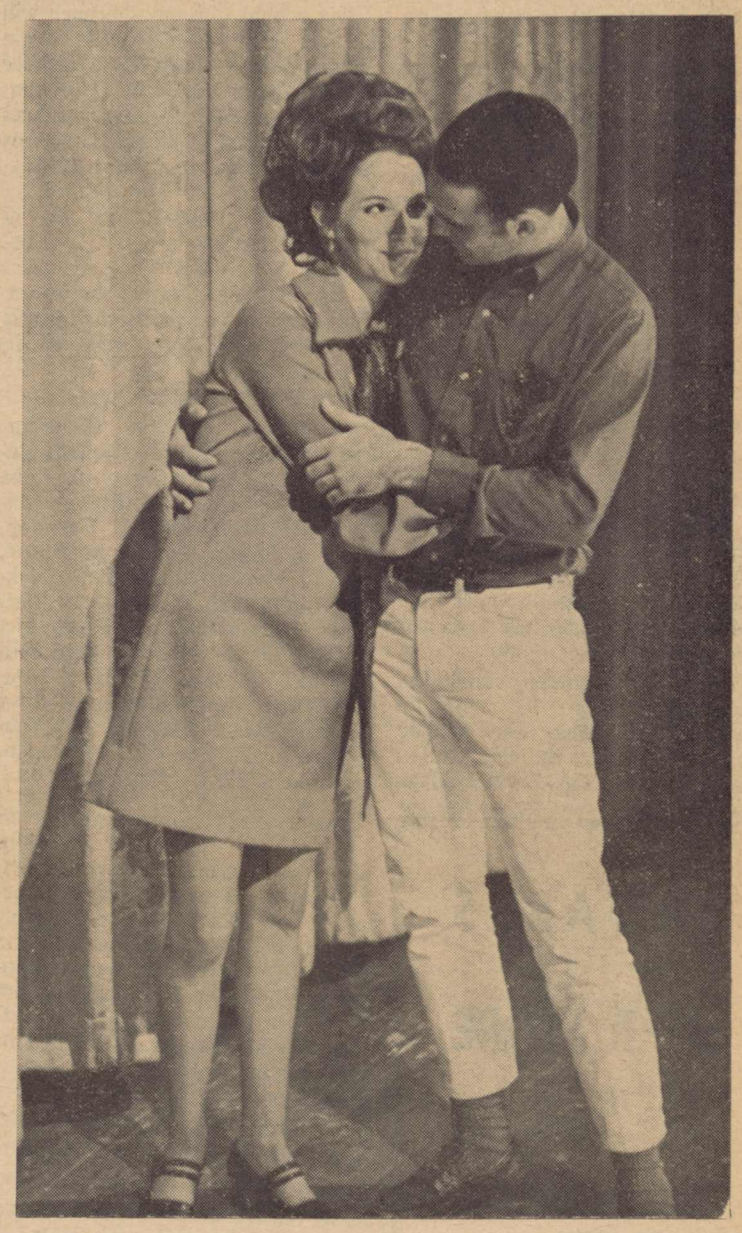
Katha Kennedy, the woman Senator, moved with bearing and poise that would become any member of Congress. Miss Kennedy apparently had command of the situation at all times.

One wished that Ike Touchstone's appearance as Dr. Pitt had not been so brief. Touchstone has a voice which carries well in an auditorium which was not designed for dramatic productions and where deep resonance is certainly an asset. It is hoped that the Players will see fit to cast Touchstone in other productions for he proved with only a handful of lines that he can come over the footlights.

Karen Lewis, Sherri Whinnery, Nancy Keene, Jim Hudgins, Judy Mitchell, Marilyn Burrow, Scottie Foreman, Frances Breckendridge, Jackie McBrayer, Lewis Johanson and Charles Wright filled out the cast, and each in his own way added to the overall pleasure of seeing the play. One remembers Miss Breckendridge giving a physical education instructor handshake and Mr. Wright's giving a physical reprimand to his wife Ellen.

The college now has an auditorium for the performing arts. It is a part of the fine arts complex and is fitted with excellent lighting panels, comfortable seats and is just the size a college theatre should be. It is hoped that GOODBYE MY FANCY will be the last play presented in the main auditorium, where the ropes from the oft-repaired stage curtains swag across the stage and an ill-installed floor acts as a drumhead for all footsteps, and where an actor from the first ten rows can only be seen from the knees up because the stage level and audience seats were installed with improper sight lines.

But things should be better. Did you notice the back of the program? "You're looking fine, Oklahoma, Oklahoma O.K." See it April 13, 14, 15 in the Little Theatre of the Fine Arts Center.

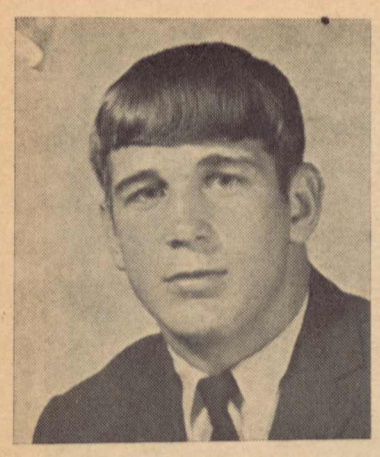


Could it be hanky-panky between Katha Kennedy and Mark Hatcher. No, only in the line of duty does this scene come about. But they do look like they enjoy it.

In this scene, Mark Hatcher, playing Matt Cole discusses circumstances with Mary Nell (Nancy Keene) and Miss Shackleford (Wanda Rushing)

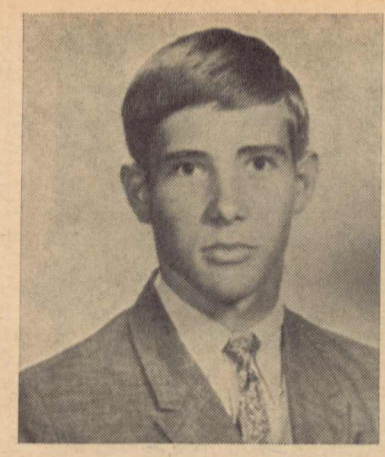
One of the comic highlights of the play is seen in this picture. Louis Johanson, playing the part of Professor Dingley, takes Prof. Birdshaw (Marilyn Burrows) out after the lady has been somewhat imbibed. Katha Kennedy and Marsha Howard look on.

Good times were many as these four young actors take a break from practice. From left to right: Katha Kennedy, Jackie McBrayer, Marsha Howard, and Charles Wright.



Dooley

Hatcher



Rowzee

Dooley Makes Coaches All-State Team Hatcher, Rowzee Honorable Mention

East Central's Keith Dooley was selected by the Mississippi Junior College Coaches Association as a member of the All-State Defensive Unit. Dooley was picked as one of the top interior linemen in the Stae's Junior College Circuit. Dooley is 5-11 and weighs 190 lbs. Dooley is a graduate of Union High School and a freshman at East Central.

Two other members of the Warrior Football Team were named to the Honorable Mention List. They are Wayne Hatcher, a graduate of Hickory High School. Hatcher is a sophomore and was named to the Honorable Mention List as an offensive lineman. Billy Rowzee, also a sophomore at East Central, was named as a defensive back on the Honorable Mention List for the second straight year. He is a graduate of Decatur High School where he lettered for three years.

The top offensive back in the loop was Northeast's quarterback, Johnny Buskirk. The Outstanding Defensive Back was Cornerback Mike Thompson of Southwest.

David Earl Johnson of Pearl River won defensive lineman honors, and the kicking award went to Reggie Shoemake of Jones.

The All-State offense team is composed of: Ends Bill Barry (Jones), Donnie Clayton (Northeast), Al Racey (Gulf Coast); Guards Gerald Reeves (Copiah-Lincoln) and Mac Douglas (Jones); Center Greg Presnell (Pearl River); Quarterback Johnny Buskirk (Northeast); Halfbacks Larry Mathis (Jones) and Willie Heidelberg (Pearl River); Fullback Johnny Fisher (East Miss.).

The All-State defensive team includes: Ends Paul Green (East Miss.) and Thomas Thompson Northwest); Linemen KEITH DOOLEY (EAST CENTRAL), Stan Malone (East Miss.), Elvis Sledge (Itawamba), and David Earl Johnson (Pearl River); Linebackers Tim House (Hinds), John Sabin (Miss. Delta); Halfback Deerwin Bales (Pearl River) and Mike Thompson (Southwest); and Safety Jesse Murphree (Delta).

Christmas Parties Held Across Campus

The BSU held its annual Christmas party Wednesday night. All students and faculty members were invited.

Each guest brought a toy and these were exchanged. After an exciting evening of playing with these toys, they were packed up again to be distributed at a later date for needy children at Christmas time.

Immediately following the party, the guests enjoyed listening to the Chrismas story and singing carols together. Another Christmas "singing" is planned for Wed., Dec. 17 at 5.30 on the front lawn of the BSU Center. Everyone is invited to join them and to participate in the singing.

The annual Christmas brunch will be held by the Faculty Club in the Gordon Room, Thursday, December 18. The hours are from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. All faculty members are encouraged ct attend. Hostesses for the occasion are Miss Barber, Mrs. Barnett, and Mrs. Alford.

The Circle Fancais held an informal Christmas program on December 11. Guests were members of the club and faculty members. The program included French carols and Christmas stores rendered in French.

THRU FOUR EYES

By Kathy Moore

The Generation Gap has become a highly controversial subject in these uneasy days of riots, rebellion and revolution. I personally think it has been quite overrated. To be sure, one's parents may often disagree with one's ideas, but then, there will always be someone who disagrees with his neighbor, whether or not the issue is of any importance. Most young people of today regard the world as a vast frontier, just waiting for them to rush in and make it over into their conception of something ideal. The very thought that perhaps the older generation may be able to contribute anything of value seems to be a little ridiculous and vaguely embarrasing.

Let us pause here to consider. Could it be that the young person of today is so conditioned, through constant exposure, to the idea of the generation gap that he unconsciously believes that it is expected of him to rebel and to alienate himself from his parents? Young people from the birth of time have declared their forefathers' world to be a sham and an anachronism and have set out to make autopic paradise on earth. Youth errs here in that they forget that the world is old; it has seen everything. Even ancient Rome had its own hippies! The Twentieth Century has done little that has not been done before.

Of course it is only right and welcome that one begin to think for himself, and to bear the responsibilities of his own life. Yet it is also a tragedy to barricade oneself against such a rich source of experience. It must be remembered that the older generation has traveled the same road, with only slight variations. They are virtual treasure houses of experience, understanding and wisdom. It would indeed be a grave mistake to push them, unheard, into the background. By throwing away a whole generation of painfully acquired experience, we would be losing much priceless knowledge. If, however, we combined our parents' knowledge with our own dreams and ideas, the horizons of mankind would be unbelievably widened. Sir Isaac Newton is remembered as saying," If I have touched upon the shores of truth, it it because I have stood on the shoulders of giants." Think, then what we could do if we followed his example. Perhaps then the paethtic adage, "History repeats itself" would become meaningless.

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Joyce Freeman, Dianne Holder, Dottie Horn, Charles Wayne Lasher, David Rives, Roger Smith, Sonya Weaver and Sherri Whinnery.

The lone vocational or part time student with a 3.50 average was Dorothy L. Rowzee.

Thirty-one freshmen rated the Honorable Mention list with an average of 3.00. They were Wanda Gayle Blackwell, Kenneth Allen Brown, Wanda Kay Brown, Alton Lee Comans, Cynthia Cornelius, Elizabeth M. Edwards, Ronald Eugene Fuller, Janice Gatewood, Reba Goolsby, Janie Faith Gunn, Wanda Kay Harrell, Allen L. Harrison, Jo Lynn Holley, Sherrianne Horne, Marsha Howle, Linda June Jackson, Linda Gail Lewis, Gary Mathews, Donna McCraw, Rusty McMullan, Jesse Moore, Benjamin Patrick, Deborah Pearson, Deborah Ray, Helen Slaughter, Susy Thomas, Patsy Thornton, Ann Truhett, Julius Turner, Charles Waggoner, and Billie D. Watson.

Twenty-eight sophomores were named to Honorable Mention. These were Agnes Faye Anderson, Richard L. Bennett, Nancy Charlotte Blass, Marilyn Burrow, Beverly L. Chancellor, Donna Dianne Coward, Billy Glynn Edwards, Mike Edwards, Scottie Foreman, Erbert Gomillion, Hazel Aline Guthrie, Edward Hendon, Sandra Hill, Lee Ann Hollingsworth, Glenda Kate Jones, Cecil Ray Jordan, Betty Lynn Logan, Mary Ann McDonald, Virginia Mitchell, Patsy Nester, Tommy Roberts, Elizabeth Slay, Jesse Smith, John Vance, Sandra Waggoner, Donald Ray Walton, Ronald Mack White, and Charles Wright.

Vocational students with a B average were Herman Rudolph Adkins, John Mark Atchley, Jerry Lamar Fuller, Harold Gomillion, Jerry Ray Graham, Charles Sonny Magers, Brenda G. McMullan, Tony Myers, Jerry Pearson, Bobby Ryals, James Wm. Scoggin, Gary Spears, Albert Whitehead.

HOLMES WINS EC INVITATIONAL

A powerful Holmes team overpowered East Central at the opening rounds of the East Central Invitational tournament and then went on to defeat a rugged East Mississippi team by a score of 68 - 65 in a close on to win the East Central Invitational.

East Central started on a bad foot and trailed throughout the game with Holmes in the second gmae of the opening round of the invitational. Scooba had previously beaten Northwest in the first tilt by a score of 75 - 65

The Holmes team is very tall and strong. Led by Hiderbrand and McInnis, the Holmes team put the game out of reach for the Warriors in the first half. At the half he score stood 51 to 36. Gordon, Parkes, and Hitt kept the Warriors within shouting distance, but the steam in the first half. At the half the struggled to get going.

In the second half the Warriors began to click and pulled to within eight points of the Holmes team midway in the fourth quarter.

Glenn Hitt fouled out, however, and the Warriors began to suffer for the big man. The contest ended 81 to 73 for the Holmes team.

Second Round

In the second round of the tournament, EC played in the opener against Northwest who was defeated by Scooba on Monday night.

The Warriors were pressed hard by the Rangers and fell behind early in the first quarter. The Northwest team was quick and showed that they could really move the ball. There were numerous fouls throughout the game due to the press put on by both teams. There were 54 fouls committed in the game.

The big gun for the Rangers was Farmer, who tucked in 37 points in the game. Hitt with 13 points and Parkes with 12 points paced the Warriors. The Northwest team kept the pressure on throughout the game and won handily by a 97-70 score.

In the finals, Holmes squeaked by Scooba to the tune of 68-65. Both of these teams have the height and the power to make the conference race a wide-open affair.

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EC Roundballers Start Off Shaky

The East Central basketball team started the season on a sour note by losing to Hinds 78-57. Hinds has a well-balanced, strong team and is picked by many to give the conference title a race this season. The Hinds boys are quick, and they shoot well, as the Warriors found out.

The Warriors seemed sluggish in the opening minutes and trailed by 10 points early in the first half. Trying to play catch-up ball, the Warriors made mistakes that hurt badly. Glenn Hitt, sophomore from Philadelphia, was the Warrior mainstay during most of the first half. He made nine points in the first half.

The Warriors hit on only 3 of 12 free shots in the first half.

The Warriors perked up in the second half and made the game interesting by pulling to within 8 points of the Eagles in the last of the third quarter.

Mike Crawford, Glenn Hitt, and Gary Gordon kept the Warriors in the game, but the Eagles finally showed their superior bench power and crushed the Warrior surge when Warrior center Glenn Hitt was fouled out.

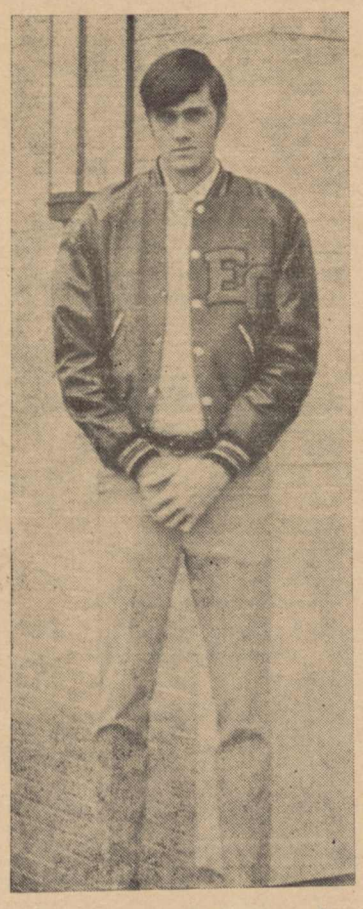
STATISTICS

ECJC Warriors

Name	FG	FT	F	TP
Hitt	8	2	5	18
Parkes	3	1	2	7
Crawford	4	6	3	14
Gordon	4	6	2	14
Madison	1	0	0	2
Pair	1	0	0	2
Slone	0	0	1	0
Burton	0	0	2	0
	21	15	15	57

Hinds Eagles

Name	FG	FT	F	TP
Rives	2	0	4	14
Grace	4	4	2	12
Jamison	3	5	1	11
Holmes	3	5	1	11
Miller	3	10	2	21
French	1	1	3	3
Moore	0	1	0	1
Sims	0	1	0	1
Townsend	0	2	1	1
Gradydear	0	1	0	1
Crawford	3	0	0	6
	29	20	18	78



Athlete of Week

This week E.C.J.C.'s Athletic Spotlight choice for athlete of the week is Glen Hitt, a 6-5 forward for the Warrior Basketball team. Hitt, in his two previous games against Northeast and Holmes Jr. Colleges, scored a total of 57 points and collected 50 rebounds. In accomplishing this feat, he led the Warriors to victory over both Northeast and Holmes Jr. For the season, Hitt is averaging 21 points per game. Hit is a sophomore, majoring in physical education. He is a graduate of Philadelphia High School.

Girls' Team Launches Season

The East Central girls basketball team, coached by Miss Lucille Wood, opened their season at Hinds Thursday.

The girls are having to adjust to the rooving rules. Although these rules are standard in college, the freshmen players find them new. There are two major differences in the rooving rules. In the last two minutes of the game, each person fouled gets two free-throw attempts; whereas in high school, the one-and-one situation still exists. The other major difference is that the defensive player has his choice of position under the goal on a foul shot. The other positions are alternated.

The starting line-up for the Hinds game was Gail Cumberland, Neshoba Central; Roselin Rogers, Morton; Debbie Harvey, Forest; Carol Ming, Louisville; Deborah Norwood, Louisville; and Linda Truesdale, Carthage. Others on the team are Carolyn Murphy, Carthage; Sandy Donald, Morton; Amelia Kennedy, Louisville; Ginger Swain, Union; Wanda Blackwell, Union; Marylin Anderson, Bay Springs; and Susan Shoemaker, Morton, team manager.

The 1967-70 girls schedule is:

Meridian Junior College (there)	Dec. 15
Junior College Tournament (Hinds)	Jan. 15-16
Southwest (there)	Jan. 23
Southwest (here)	Jan. 30
MSCW (here)	Feb. 3
William Carey Tournament	Feb. 6-7
Meridian Jr. College (here)	Feb. 10
Perkinston Tournament	March 5-6

Officials Explain Draft Students React

Here is a rule-of-thumb guide for draft-age youths to determine what the birthday lottery drawing means to them; as outlined by the United Press International: You are involved if your birthday falls between Jan. 1, 1944, and Dec. 31, 1950.

If your birthday was drawn in the first 122 numbers and you have no deferment such as college, it is almost certain you will be called for induction in 1970.

If your birthday was drawn between number 123 and 244, the outlook is touch and go that you'll receive your draft board notice. There are varying factors such as the quotas assigned to your local Selective Service board, deferments, whether your birthday comes high or low on this middle grouping.

If your birthday was drawn in the bottom third from 245 through 366, there is small likelihood you will be summoned in the draft and you can probably plan your life and career in the knowledge you will have no military service requirements barring national emergencies.

If you are temporarily deferred because of college, your exempt status continues but the priority level in which your birthday falls in the drawing will be effective for the year your exemption expires.

Thus if you should graduate or drop out of college in 1973, if your birthday was the 15th number drawn in the Moday lottery, you would be placed in the level of call-ups in 1974 even though a different birthday was drawn 15th for that year.

East Central students have widely differing opinions as to the value of the lottery system as opposed to that of the old system.

Dorman Tew, a freshman from Philadelphia, had this to say about the lottery system,: "Well, to me, the system seems fair or as fair as any can be. You know when your number is coming up at your local draft board, and you don't have to wait and worry. If you are an American, does it have to matter that much? Our forefathers served before us. Are we more special or different? Any system that draws a number instead of a name leaves out most prejudice."

Lee Herringston, an East Central freshman who is returning to school after retiring from the armed forces, has this to say: "The lottery is a system of chance selection of eligible young men for service in the armed forces of the United States. The necessity for any conscription has not been satisfactorily established; therefore, it is hard to come to any conclusion as to the worth of the lottery. Assuming that the drift is necessary, the lottery system seems to be as fair as any system used before it. I can see no great advantage in it because there is still certain political influences involved. The deferment rules, with all their political control are still used. To be effective as originally designed, the lottery system must be based on a non-deferment policy."

Colonel James L. Davis, State Director of Selective Service for Mississippi, states Mississippi State Headquarters and local boards have been swamped with questions about random selection (the lottery). Some of the questions with answers are given below:

Q. Explain the drawing. A. On December 1, there was a drawing in Washington of 366 closed capsules in each of which a slip of paper on which was written a month and day of the year, for example, May 2, June 1, etc. The order in which these capsules were drawn determines the relative position in the national random sequence of registrants born on all the dates of the year including February 29. As September 14 was drawn first, all men born on September 14 are No. 1 in the national random sequence. As June 8 was drawn last, all men with that birthday are No. 366 in the national random sequence.

Q. How will this sequence be used by local boards. A. Each local board will assign numbers to its registrants who are in 1-A or who become 1-A in accord with the national sequence. Some local boards may not have at any one time men with birthdays on every day. In such a case the local board would go to the next number. For instance, it might call numbers 1 through 5, then 7 and 8 because it had no men whose birthdays were on the day drawn sixth in the drawing.

Q. Why is there a drawing of the alphabet? A. This drawing randomized the alphabet so that in case a local board had two or more men with the same birthday and was required to order one but not all of them for a call, it has a way to determine which comes first, second, etc., by applying the random alphabet to the names. In the drawing of December 1, 1969, the letter "J" was drawn first. So men whose names begin with "J" would be called first by the local board among men with the same number from the birthday drawing.

Q. Does everybody get a number out of the first lottery? A. No — the first drawing will determine the random sequence number only for those men who prior to January 1, 1970, had attained age 19, and not 26. Besides that, the number in which his birthday is drawn will not mean anything until he is classified I-A or I-A-O. Some men in the group who eventually will get a number out of the first drawing may not become I-A until next year or later. In that case, his number will determine his order in the national sequence in use that year. For example, if his birthday is drawn No. 80, and he is now deferred for college, but loses his college deferment in June 1971, he will be No. 80 in the national random sequence in use that year.

Q. How do new 19-year-olds get a number? A. Before the end of 1970, a drawing of the 366 days of the year will be held. This drawing will determine the national random se-

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SPORTS EDITORIAL

Let's Get With The Times

Mississippi is going to lose money in the future if we do not get busy and spend a little money now for an adequate sports facility in Jackson to house the future sports spectaculars.

Memorial Stadium is a fine stadium, but it will soon be outmoded if it is not enlarged. In the recent Ole Miss-Tennessee game there were 47,000 people in the stadium and the entire stadium was overflowing.

More than a quarter-million dollars was netted from gate receipts alone. But, the point that we wish to stress is this: there will be more of these games to come which will draw more fans. The stadium could have sold at least sixty thousand tickets and still have been overflowing. We must enlarge the stadium by enclosing one or both ends of the stadium. Potentially, the stadium could increase its attendance over fifty percent.

But, perhaps even a greater problem looms overhead. It is the problem of inadequate housing accommodations for incoming fans. There are simply not enough hotels and motels in the Jackson area to handle the double-header as was staged a few weeks back when Ole Miss played LSU in the afternoon and Alabama played State that night. Even the Alabama team could not get hotel accommodations until LSU checked out. It is really embarrassing to Jackson and to the State when one stops and thinks about it.

Another innovation that is needed to insure a better sports facility is the building of a new highway exit from the stadium area to the northeast section of the state. There are sufficient exits to the north, west, east, and south, but none northeast that are easily obtainable.

Yes, we must get with the times in order to assure Mississippi it share in the sports dollar. Shall we begin now?

Be Still And Know

Why Am I In College Anyway?

Everyone on campus has reasons for being in college. What are yours? If asked, each student could come up with some kind of answer. All would probably be different. When was the last time you gave serious thought to the question "Why am I in college anyway?"

Some obvious answers to these questions are "get a better job," "find a mate," "it's the thing to do these days," or even "to stay out of the Army for a while." People who attend college have good opportunities to develop ability and learn arts and skills.

In our days when material advantage is so emphasized, when values are shuffled and Christian values often overshadowed, the words of the ancient and very wise writer of Proverbs are particularly straight to the point:

"Happy is the man who finds wisdom, and the man who gets understanding, for the gain from it is better than gain from silver and its profit better than gold."

At this, the closing of the first semeser, every student should take a close look at his reasons for being in college, and rededicate himself to achieving his goals.

Remaining Basketball Schedule

Jan. 6—Holmes	Here
Jan. 9—Co-Lin	Here
Jan. 10—Scooba	Here
Jan. 17—Pearl River	Here
Jan. 23—Itawamba	There
Jan 24—Northeast	There
Jan. 29—Pearl River	There
Jan. 30—Southwest	Here
Feb. 2—Hinds	Here
Feb. 5—Delta	There
Feb. 6—Northwest	There
Feb. 9—Meridian	Here
Feb. 10—Co-Lin	There
Feb. 12—Scooba	There

Majorettes who performed for halftime shows during the football season were: (kneeling) Donna Risher, Nan Evans, and Debbie Gordon, (standing), Judi Boswell, Deborah Pierce, and Susan Madden.

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quence to be used in 1971. The only registrants who would look to that stand in the national random sequence are those who turned 19 during 1970.

Q. How do you use more than one drawing? A. The date of November 9 was drawn No. 80 in the first lottery. This may be the number of a man who was in college during 1970, but graduated and lost his deferment in June 1971. The date of September 11 may be drawn No. 80 in the next lottery. A man born on September 11 who was available in 1971 would be No. 80 in the random order. So would the first man whose birthday of November 9 was drawn No. 80 a year earlier. If both men were in the same local board they would be called on the same call or if one, but not both were required, the random alphabet would determine which one went first.

Q. Doesn't the registrant who is in college most of the year have an advantage over the one who can't go to college and is in I-A throughout the year A. No. The key in both cases is whether his random sequence number is reached in his local board. If the random sequence number has been reached in the case of a registrant who becomes I-A late in the year, he will be inducted as soon as appeals, examinations and so forth, are concluded, even though the year has ended. There is no way he can gain an advantage by delaying his actual induction through time required for personal appearance, appeals, examination and other processing if his random sequence number has been reached.

Q. What about volunteering for the Reserve. A. Yes. Just as now, he authorize enlistment for active duty at any time up to the day of induction.

Where to Write To Air Your Gripe

Questions about comments on the draft and defense department policy should be directed to: Directorate for Community Relations, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Defense for Public Affairs, Room 1 E776, The Pentagon, Washington D. C. 20301.

Debbie Pearson Disbelieving It

"I'm not believing it!" These are the famous first words of East Central's new "Most Beautiful," Debbie Pearson. Debbie was named at the annual beauty pageant held Dec. 9.

When Debbie was asked her feelings about being nominated, she concluded that she was flattered to even be nominated, and just wanted to do her best.

Our "Most Beautiful" stands 5' 5" and weighs 115. She has blue eyes and blonde hair.

Debbie is a graduate of Lake High School and received many honors during her senior year. These included: Salutatorian of her class, maid of honor, Betty Crocker, Crisco, and History Awards winner, "Most Versatile" in the Who's Who, and business manager of the Lake HORNET.

Debbie was also quite active in athletics at Lake. She played basketball and was selected all conference, all sub-district, all-district, and all South half. She served as a cheerleader for five years.

The Stitch In Time That Saves

by David Rives

(Editor's note —This is a word to the wise for those college students who have not yet made a decision as far as vocation is concerned. We hope the few brief words following will in some way help to save a person much loss in time and money.)

Unemployed! It is the word that strikes fear in the hearts of most Americans. It should not, because the unemployment rate is down and good jobs are everywhere. Yet this word has sent many to college without a second thought. Consequently the question of "what" and "how" a person is to seek his life's work is sometimes lost in the frenzy to get a good education and then get a good job.

Unfortunately, young people are sometimes very much lost as what they really want ot be in life. Too often, a sophomore, junior and even a senior is sometimes still trying to find out what he wants to be in life. It is a tragedy and a shame. Only if a person is satisfied with his work can he be truly happy.

All too often a person loses valuable time and money in a field that he can never be satisfied with. Much of the time, the wasted could have become an asset if he had only faced up to the question and seriously tried to answer it. To dodge a decision is a harmful thing.

If a young person is in doubt about his life's work, we urge him to face the problem, for many times, the answer can be found and time saved. If the question of vocation is still not answered we urge him to get the broadest possible background in the quickest length of time before making the decision. This will be of benefit to him in two ways: first, he will not lose as much time for he will be better prepared to enter a field, and second, he will have been subjected to a wider course of subjects from which to choose his vocation.

Basically, we believe that the problem of one's vocation should be one of the foremost things in his mind. We urge the facing of the question.

OUR CHRISTMAS PLEA:

Let us go back

We are tired and weary and worn and sad;

Let us go hand in hand

Back to a glistening holy town,

In an ancient, holy land

Under the high white winter stars

The old path still is bright–

So many have wandered and lost the way,

Let us go back tonight.

Let us go back–they were but wild tales

Told us to lead us far –

They have said: "There is no holy child,

Under a high, white star . . ."

They have laughed at faith that's strong and clean–

GOD helps us – that faith grew dim;

O, let us go back to the old lost road,

Let us go back to HIM.

– Grace Noll Crowell